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The Construction and Management of Roll Trains for the Manufacture of Heavy Bars, Rails and Girders.

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PART V.—Appliances for Economizing Labor at the Rolls.

(Concluded).

This principle of the machine described in the concluding paragraph of the preceding number of this series, is evidently the correct one, and it is strange that its mechanism was never improved upon and carried into greater effect at Consett. That, however, had already been done in this country by Mr. Charles Hewitt in the invention which we are about to describe. It was patented in 1859, and the patent renewed in 1873. The machine has never been erected precisely as described in the specification. But a rude and incomplete arrangement of the kind was used for a number of years on the beam mill at the works of the *New Jersey Steel and Iron Co.* The invention was made in entire ignorance of the machine at Consett just described, but the inventor had the pleasure of witnessing this machine in operation shortly after patenting his own. The engraving here presented illustrates the machine as patented in 1859, with a few slight modifications.

A number of levers *C C*, which have for their fulcrum the rock shafts *k k*, mounted in slotted bearings upon the stands *D D* (Figs. 1 and 2), support at the ends of their arms farthest from the train the floors *A* and *B* (Fig. 1), while from the ends of their arms nearest to the same hang the weights *W W* (Fig. 2). The floor *A* is given a greater motion than the floor *B* by making the arms which support it longer than those which support *B*. If the rolls are 26 inches in diameter, which is a common dimension, *A* may be made to have a motion of 31 inches and *B* 21 inches, the former always rising flush with the upper grooves and falling 5 inches below the lower ones, while *B* rises within 5 inches of the upper ones, and falls flush with the lower. As the iron to be rolled must descend on the floor *A*, which has the greater motion, and ascend on the floor *B*, which has the less, the weights *W W* are so regulated that the floors with the iron to be rolled will lift the weights in the one case and be lifted by them in the other. In order to secure this effect the energy exerted by the iron and floors in descending must be greater than the resistance offered by the counterpoises in ascending, and the resistance of the former in ascending proportionately less than the energy exerted by the latter in descending. The total weight of the counterpoises may be determined from the formula:

$$W = \sqrt{(r_1 + r_2) F^2 + (r_1 + r_2)^2 FI + r_1 r_2 I^2}$$

In which *r* is the length of the arms from which each of the separate weights are suspended (all of them being of the same length); *F*, the weight of either floor, *r* and *r*<sub>2</sub> the lengths of the arms supporting *A* and *B* respectively; and *I*, the weight of the iron, assuming each arm to move through the quadrant of a circle.

The counterpoises consist of large iron tanks containing water in sufficient quantities to furnish the required weight. By increasing or diminishing the supply of this fluid the machine may be readily adapted to the different weights of metal desired to be rolled. A small steam cylinder *O* (Fig. 2) is employed for moving the floors toward and from the train, and for overcoming the friction of the parts, and a boy stationed here is all that is needed to operate the complete machine.

The operation is as follows: The iron is first brought to the floor *A*, and entered in the first groove; passing through this, it is discharged on the floor *B*. The motion then begins. The boy admits steam behind the piston by means of the handle *A* (Fig. 2), and thus causes the shafts *k k* (Figs. 1 and 2) to rotate to the left. The latter pulling the rods *i i*, and *l l* with it, draws the arms *m m* toward the train, causing the shafts *k k* to rotate, lifting the floors, and at the same time lowering the counterpoises, each moving through an arc depending on the length of the arm supporting it. The shafts *k k* cease to rotate when the guiding pins *g g* reach the bottom of the curved slots in which they work, and the floors, levers and counterpoises are then drawn bodily toward the train until the guiding pins reach the ends of the straight slots, when the upward movement ceases, the floors then being in the position shown in the figure. In the meantime the arm

(Fig. 2), which is attached to the floor *B*, at *v*, turning on the stationary pivot *q*, cause the upper movable portion of this floor to roll on the wheels *x x*, far enough sideways to carry the iron opposite the next groove in the rolls. A similar arm *P* is attached to the floor *A*, but on the opposite side at *v'*, so that either floor always moves in a contrary direction to the other, and each through equal distances. The side motion of the floors may be varied to correspond with different sets of rolls by adjusting the position of the pivots *q* and *q'* in

front of the piston, when the reverse of the above motion takes place, the backward movement of the floor *A* being less than the forward movement which it receives in its descent, thereby securing the entering of the iron in the third groove. The same motions are then repeated until the iron is finished. The only manual labor expended therefore is in transferring the pile from the furnace to the train, and even this might easily be done by machinery with advantage. Beside the buggyman and the boy who operates the machine, the only

extending the entire length of the housing. The lower extremity of this shaft is connected to the bottom screw by spur wheels of such dimensions that the motion imparted to this screw will be equal to the one at the top. These wheels are not seen in the figure, as they are inclosed in a recess beneath the housing. By turning a handle on the worm *v*, the top and bottom rolls may be moved toward or from the middle roll, as desired, the only force required being that necessary to overcome the friction. This is the arrangement that we spoke of in connection with the "fixed middle roll" adopted by Mr. Henry Burden. It is much more compact than the old one, and places the rolls under more ready control of the workman, as the adjustment for each pass may be quickly and easily made.

*Concluding Remarks.*—We have endeavored in the foregoing paragraphs to trace the gradual rise and development of the two most important systems of heavy rolling at the present day, the English and the American, and we have attempted to discuss the merits of each with impartiality. It has been our firm conviction all along that the American system is the superior of the two, and it has been demonstrated by mathematics that its efficiency is considerably greater. Moreover, with the appliances above described attached, although the first cost may be increased, yet in the long run it must certainly be the most economical mill in the world. It seems strange to us that other nations are so slow to comprehend its advantages, but the reason may be owing to the fact that the English, who have for a long time led all other nations in mechanical invention, have expended all their thought and ingenuity on the system of reversing, and with the pride and obstinacy peculiar to their race refuse to acknowledge the superiority of any other system that is not of English origin. The reversing mill has become a hobby with England, and every one who has ever cherished a hobby knows how difficult it is to discard it. We believe that the time will come, however, when England will be compelled to adopt the American system.

The Edgar Thomson Steel Works, of Pittsburgh, Pa., have lately rolled and delivered to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company a large order of steel rails of sixty feet in length each. Iron rails of about sixty feet were successfully rolled in England some time ago, and mention was made of the fact in the London *Times* as a remarkable event in the manufacture of railroad iron. The difficulty attending the production of rails of more than thirty feet in length is that of handling the mass of steel to be rolled. A thirty foot rail weighs 650 pounds, and a sixty foot rail is 1300 pounds in weight. In bulk this is an unwieldy mass, and hitherto it has been found inconvenient to manipulate it with the machinery in use in rolling mills. The rails manufactured for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad were inspected by a competent engineer in the employment of the Pennsylvania Railroad, of which it is a division, and were pronounced equal to any steel rails ever used in this country. The successful manufacture of these rails is spoken of among railroad builders as an important achievement.

The Titusville (Pa.) *Herald*, of the 23d ult., says: We yesterday saw in practical operation at the Gibbs Sterrett Manufacturing Company a new furnace for utilizing scrap iron. The process is extremely simple. The scrap is first introduced to the furnace in heaps, where it is brought to a welding heat. After this it is placed under a steam hammer, and hammered into ingots. These ingots are again introduced to the furnace, and the operation of heating and hammering is repeated. The conversion is now complete, and the iron one homogeneous and solid mass of metal of very superior quality. The advantage of this forge is very great, particularly in this section of country where there is so much scrap. It brings the value of scrap here to the same price as it is in Pittsburgh, deducting the freight. This furnace can convert from 2000 to 2500 pounds of finished iron per day, with the expenditure of not quite a ton of coal. A new 2500 pound steam hammer is about to be ordered, and, when placed in position, double the quantity of scrap can be converted.

The King Iron Bridge Co., Cleveland, O., have contracted for 286 bridges this year.

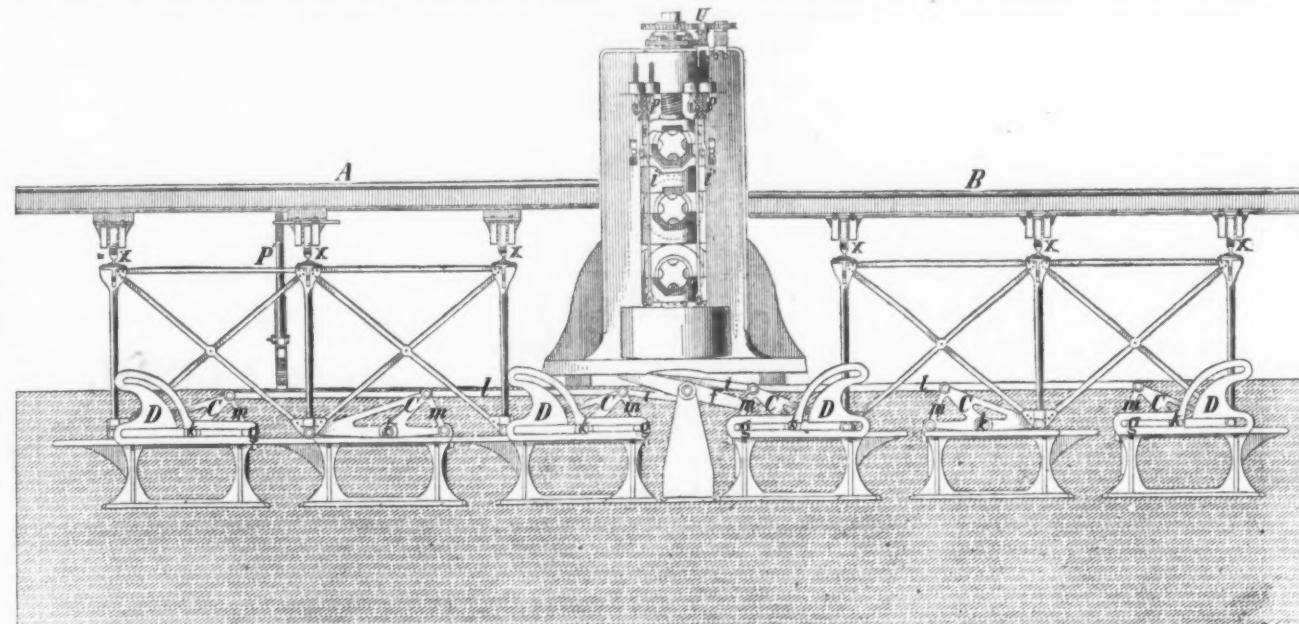


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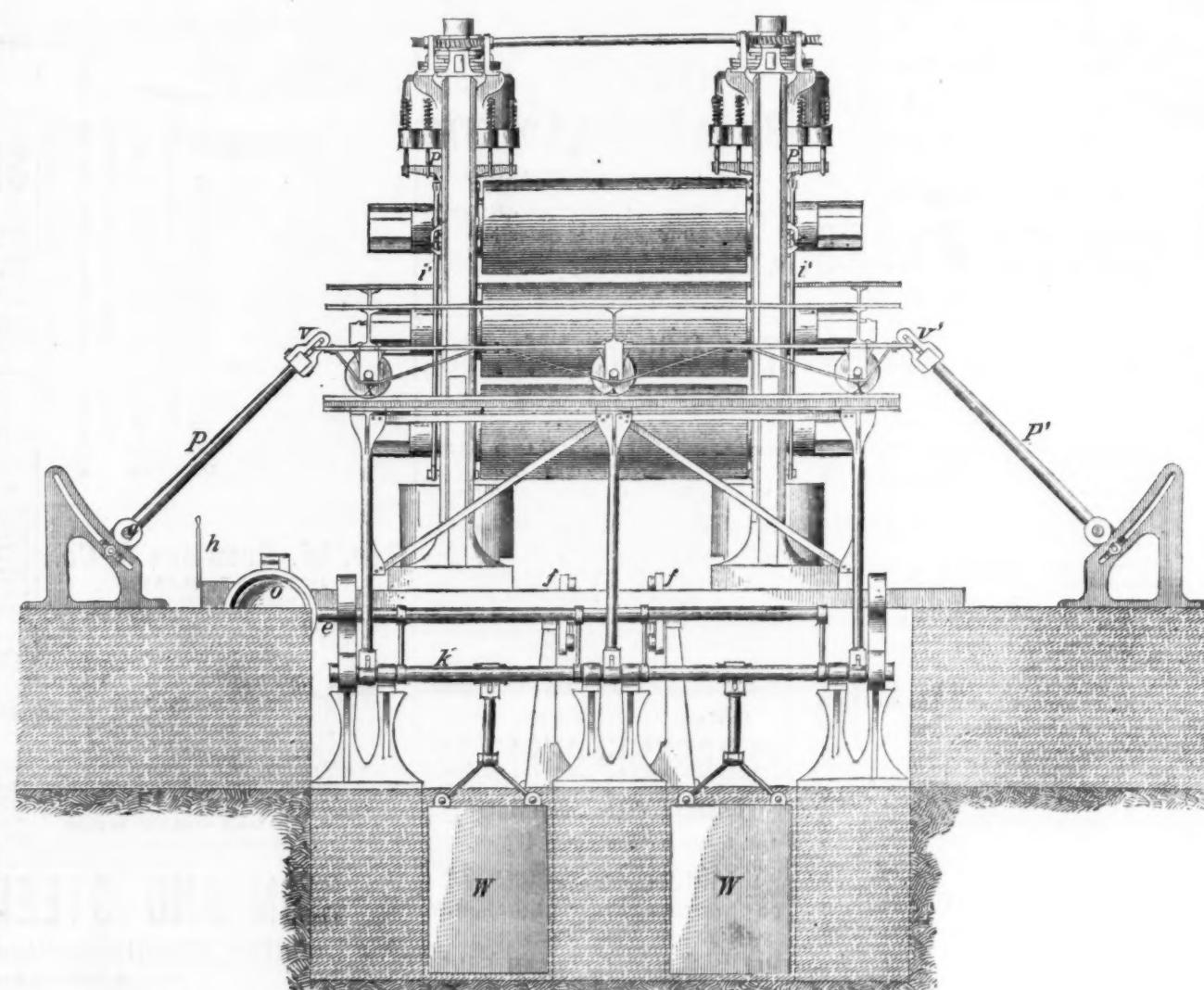


Fig. 2.—THREE-HIGH ROLLING MILL, WITH LIFT.—BY CHAS. HEWITT, OF TRENTON, N. J.

the curved slots shown in Fig. 2. This position is determined as follows: Let *x* represent the required side motion; *a*, the angle which either arm makes with the floor to which it is attached, when in its highest position; *b*, the angle which it makes with the same when in its lowest position, and *s*, the vertical rise or descent of the floor; then, we obtain the formula,

$$x = \cos b - \cos a = \sqrt{\sin^2(a - b) - s^2}$$

The forward movement of the floor *B* is greater than the backward movement of the same while rising, and thereby the entering of the iron in the second groove is secured. The iron then passes through and is discharged upon the floor *A*. The boy now admits steam

other person actually required is a finisher, for adjusting the rolls and superintending the train generally. It may possibly be found necessary to employ an extra man, so that one may be stationed on each floor for the purpose of entering the iron between the rolls in case the machine should fall to do this, which is not probable, however, as the iron will be rolled much faster, and, therefore, its temperature will be less liable to become low enough to cause this difficulty.

In the figure the machine is shown attached to a plate mill. In this case the side motion of the floors is unnecessary, and the arms *P* and *P'* are superfluous. We have shown it in this connec-

tion through lugs on the caps of the housings, the upper ends of the rods resting on stiff springs that bear upon the upper faces of the lugs. This arrangement is provided for the purpose of relieving the rod *i i* from anyordinate strains that might be brought upon them by slight deviations of the bottom roll from its proper position while under pressure. The bottom roll bears against large screws in a precisely similar manner as the top roll does, excepting that the arrangement is inverted. At the top of each housing a worm *v* works into two wheels, the larger of which is keyed to the screw in the center of the cap, and the smaller one to a shaft which runs through an aperture

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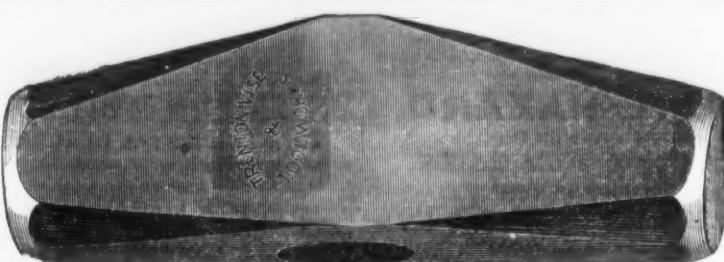
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## Application of Electro-Magnetism to Railway Wheels.

In a paper on this subject, by Mr. Dreyfus, we find the following:

Attempts have been made, during a considerable period, to utilize electro-magnetism in working railways; sometimes directly as motor force, sometimes for brakes, sometimes to increase the pressure of the wheels of locomotives against the rails.

Amberger first employed electro-magnetism thus as motive force in 1851. In 1855, Bellot and De Rouvre showed to the Societe des Ingénieurs Civils a model locomotive meant specially for postal service, but they had also in view the application of their system to trams. In such cases it is a question whether zinc or coal is dearer, as fuel.

Amberger also proposed, in 1851, the employment of electro-magnetism for brakes; flat electro-magnets should be made to act, at a given moment, on the rails. This would effect a great saving of wheel tires, the friction and wearing being on the rails; but the method was never thoroughly tried. The first serious experiment with an electro-magnetic brake was made by M. Achard, who is still continuing his observations, and hopes to bring them to a successful issue.

Increase of the pressure of a locomotive's wheels against the rails would favor the action of friction (the mean co-efficient of friction 0.17, sometimes fully under 0.1); and the drawing power of the locomotive cannot, of course, exceed the friction of the wheels on the rails. An increase of the traction force can be obtained by increasing the weight of the locomotive; but such an increase of dead weight is especially disadvantageous on inclines, and the more so that the weight of the locomotive must be calculated according to the greatest incline present on the line. It has often been attempted, therefore, to help the friction with electro-magnetism, but hitherto without any satisfactory success. A new arrangement for this purpose, by a Swiss engineer, M. Burgin, has lately been tried on the North Eastern Railway, in Switzerland. After a brief historic survey we shall describe it.

The first idea of applying electro-magnetism in this way may have been given by a lecture experiment of Professor Eisenlohr, in Carlsruhe, who made a magnet of a horse-shoe formed locomotive axle, by winding round it 500 m. copper wire, of 4.5 mm. thickness, so that, when the wire was traversed by a current from 20 Grove elements, the magnet would bear 500 k. In 1846 Dr. Wright proposed to make the wheels of locomotives magnetic, and estimated that each wheel might thus acquire an attractive force of 1000 k. on the rails; he also remarked that the force of attraction might be rendered variable. There is no record of the proposal having been carried out. When M. Nikles was consulted, in 1851, by MM. Amberger and Cassal, as to a physical means of increasing the pressure of locomotive wheels, he recommended electro-magnetism. In his first arrangement a horse shoe electro-magnet was fixed to the body of the locomotive, between two pairs of wheels; its poles were about 4 mm. from the rails. A small model acted well on an incline; the motive force was derived from a weight connected with the axle by a cord passing over a pulley at the top of the incline, another weight was suspended from a cord passing to the locomotive over a pulley at the bottom. Soon after, M. Nikles replaced this electro-magnet by coils enclosing the lower part of each wheel nearly to the rail, each coil 250 m. of copper wire; they were attached to the frame of the locomotive. Good results were had thus with a small model on a changeable incline. Thereafter, similar experiments were made on a 20 per cent. incline, with a pair of locomotive wheels 1.10 m. diameter, and 16 battery elements; in dry weather the friction was about 350 k.; the adhesion through electro-magnetism 450 k. (or supposing the coefficient of adhesion 0.1, 4500 k.); in damp weather the friction went down to 100, while the electro-magnetic adhesion was weakened only about 50 k. A thick layer of tallow on the wheels brought down the magnetic adhesion to 400 k. The magnetic adhesion, therefore, for each pair of wheels might be estimated at about 1000 k. The expenditure in acid and zinc during ten hours' uninterrupted service was about 11.2 m. It was thought deducible from the experiments that the velocity of rotation of the wheels did not compromise the magnetic action, but from experiments on the Paris and Lyons Railway the opposite was proved; for in the heavy train, which moved with slow velocity up an incline of 10 in 1000, scarcely 9 per cent. increase in adhesion was gained. Nikles and Amberger, therefore, gave over magnetizing the wheels with such coils.

The cause of non-success in M. Nikles' first arrangement lay in the distance of the magnet from its armature; in his second it lay in the fact that the position of the pole could not shift with sufficient rapidity. During the experiments on the Lyons Railway, M. Nikles thought of magnetizing the whole circumference of the wheel, and devised a special arrangement for this purpose, which, however, was never carried into practice.

In 1859 Mr. Gerrel, in America, magnetized the lower part of wheels by an arrangement similar to that of M. Nikles. Each coil contained 823 m. copper wire, No. 8, in 283 windings; the battery consisted of 16 Grove elements, and had a zinc surface of about 1935 sq. cm. The steam pressure could be raised to 8.6 k. without the wheels slipping on the very smooth rails, but to 15.9 k. if the wheels were magnetized; with good rails even to 23.7 k. and 40 k. Similar experiments were made by M. Black in 1859.

In 1865 a new arrangement was tried on the Central Railway, in New Jersey. The copper coils, fixed round the tires on the inside of the

wheels, made the two wheels on one axle poles of a single magnet. The experiments, continued more than a year, gave an increase of about 40 per cent. in adhesion. These American experiments were discontinued, because at that time it was not understood how to produce, with a dynamo-electric machine and comparatively small expenditure of mechanism, very powerful electric currents.

In M. Burgin's system the entire axle with its wheels is also turned into a magnet with fixed poles. But he envelopes the axle itself with the wire, and with increasing thickness of winding toward the wheels in locomotives that have external cranks, but with uniform thickness in those with internal. In the case of coupled wheels, the winding is so arranged that there is an alternation of poles, the piece of rail between two wheels forming a closed armature. This mode of winding allows an increase of the number of turns, and consequently, stronger magnetization. A small locomotive model (but without engine and boiler), with three pairs of wheels, and external cranks, was placed on a 30 per cent. inclined plane, and the coils were connected by long wires and a commutator with five Bunsen elements. The driving force was supplied by a weight of 12 k., the cord of which passed round the three axles. The wheels of the model (its weight was 85 k.) slipped in position, if the weight was allowed to run, and the circuit not closed; but when the current flowed, the model went up the incline. If the brake of the model was applied, the latter remained in position on the plane while the current was flowing; but on interrupting the circuit, the wheels began to slip on the rails, and the model slid down with increasing speed; when the current was admitted again the model stopped, notwithstanding its acquired velocity. On a plane of 100 per cent. incline, the locomotive could be held fixed only when the current was flowing and the brake applied.

## A New Aero-Gas Engine.

Mr. Brayton, inventor of the gas engine which bears his name, has invented a new engine which is said to be a great improvement upon the old one. Oil and common air are made to take the place of steam, and the cost of running it is much less than that of the old engine. The power is obtained as follows: A can is attached, containing the oil, which is introduced by a pump into the cylinder of the engine. The oil enters a burner in the cylinder in the form of a spray. An air pump forces air into a reservoir at the bottom of the engine, from which, through an induction pipe, it passes into the cylinder. There it comes in contact with the oil in the burner and is instantly carbonized. The combustion, which is occasioned by simply lighting a match, results in an expansion of the air at the rate of six to one, and thereby the power is produced. A little jet of air constantly passes around the induction valve opening into the burner, and keeps the flame alive when the valve is closed.

The required pressure is obtained within a minute after starting, and is regulated as in an ordinary engine. The oil engine is therefore always ready for use, without causing any expense to the owner when not in actual operation. It has no highly heated surfaces, requires no mason work in its setting, and is free from sparks, smoke and cinders.

The power of the engines ranges from half a horse-power to 30 horse-power, but it is hoped to build some still more powerful. Their rated power is remarkably uniform, and is said to far exceed that of steam engines rated at the same figures. Persons who found that a five horse steam engine gave them insufficient power have reported, after using five-horse oil engines, that they furnished more power than was required.

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The engine can be examined at the establishment of the New York and New Jersey Ready Motor Company, which is now at No. 24 Cliff street, but will be removed early next week to No. 111 Liberty street. It can also be seen at a number of places where it has been adopted instead of steam.

We have the following on the authority of our veracious contemporary, the Danbury News:

A dandy man is evolving a plan for taking on passengers without stopping the train, and thus save time in running. He thinks a rack formed of a scoop made of netting, with a back to it, and a horizontal bar 10 inches below, will do it. This is to be attached to the car and worked on a powerful hinge. He was in Merill's grocery with a rough model of his machine last evening, explaining its work to an interesting auditory. His idea is to have the passengers stand in a line on the station platform with their backs to the approaching train, and near enough where it will scoop. On the approach of the rack the horizontal bar strikes the expectant passenger in the hollow back of the knees, which causes him to lop backward, when he is caught in the scoop and whirled into the car; and the next forward passenger, and so on, until all are taken up.

"How are you going to land them people who stop at way stations?" asked a disagreeable person who was sitting on a soap box.

"Land 'em!" cried the inventor, in a tone of unqualified disgust. "Who said anything about landing 'em? That's their own lookout, I guess?" A railroad takes them to the place where they are going, an' that's all it agrees to do. I suppose you'd expect a railroad company to hunt you up a hotel, an' carry your trunk up to the room, an' cook your supper, an' tuck you up in bed, an' wind up your watch, wouldn't ye?" and the speaker glared at the interrupter with such intensity as to cause him to shrink up fully one-half.

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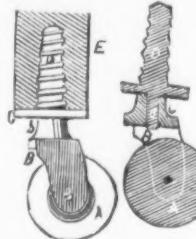
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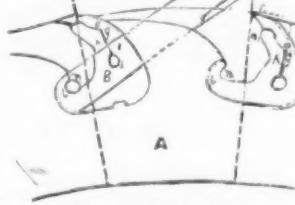


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The solid screw D, the disk or flange C, and the rivet d, formed of one piece of metal, in combination with caster horns B.

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at the cutting bits and saw plate A, the latter being provided with a socket for the reception of the shank and bit.

**BENCH PLANE.**

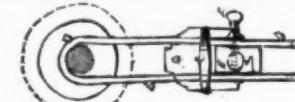
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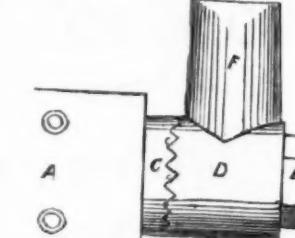
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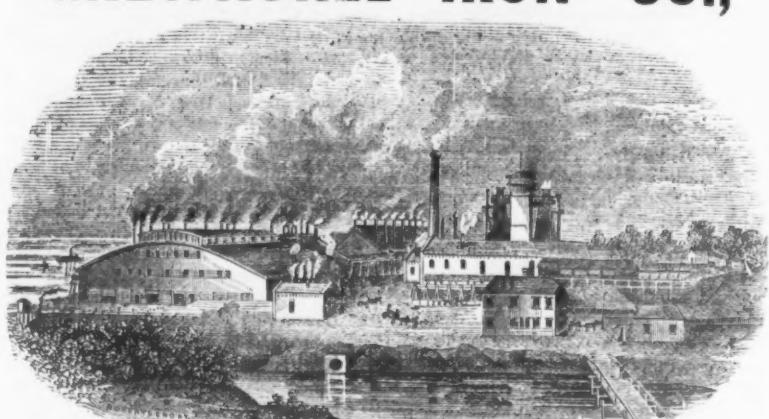
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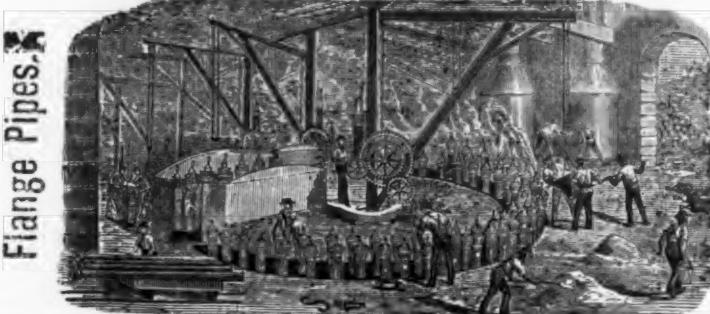
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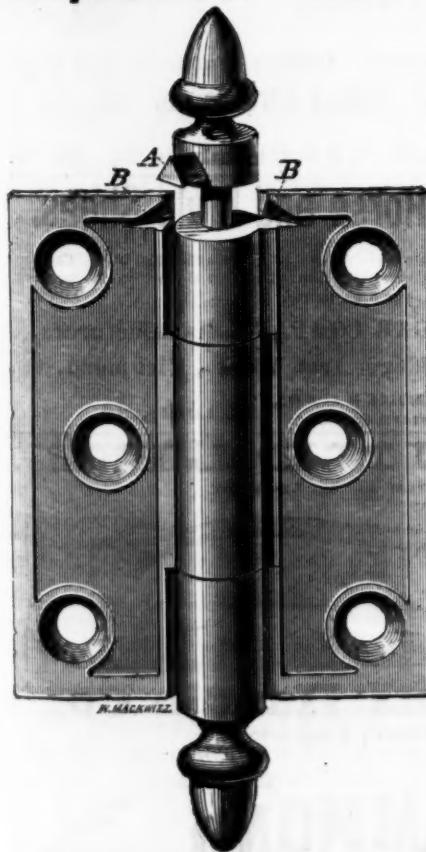
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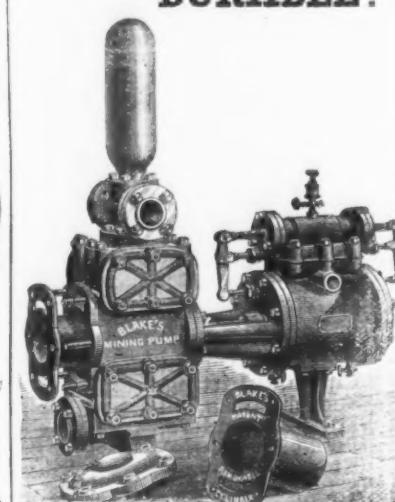
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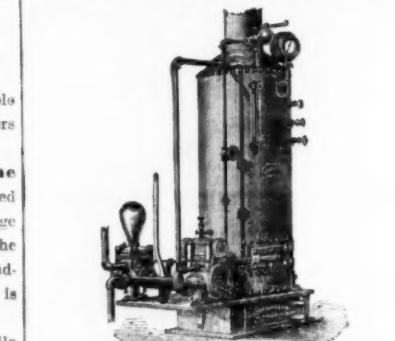
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NO. VII.

Profiled plates and bars are often subjected to hammering of greater or less intensity, either to dress the plates, or to bring them to a desired form. The shock of the hammer producing a pressure at the point struck, we may conceive that the action should cause effects similar to those of the shears and the punch, but the effect thus produced should be of less importance, since the pressure exerted is generally insufficient to exceed the limit of resistance to rupture.

In order to ascertain the effect produced by hammering, test bars were cut from Creusot angle irons, and submitted cold to a violent hammering over their surface; under this operation the extension of the metal was about 7.5 per cent., the bars were then reduced to a uniform section, and placed in the testing machine. With six bars 2.36 in. wide, that had been thus treated, a mean resistance to rupture was obtained of 34.1 tons with an extension of 9.7 per cent. Thus the hammering had strikingly increased the resistance to rupture, as the mean resistance to rupture of the Creusot angle iron is 23.97. As to the power of extension, a large proportion—7.5 per cent.—had been removed by the hammering. The test bars showing at rupture a total elongation of 9.7 per cent., we have a total of 17.2 per cent., instead of 24.5. The elasticity of the metal was thus greatly modified by hammering. Lastly, it may be mentioned that these bars were much more difficult to file after than before hammering, thus showing that the hardness had been increased. Here then we have all the phenomena of tempering. The hammering, as may be supposed, acts in the same manner as punching, only with less intensity. Under the influence of pressure, to which the portions struck are subjected, the combination of carbon is more or less solved at all their points.

This experiment with hammered bars was repeated with C<sup>10</sup>, C<sup>11</sup> plates from Creusot, but test pieces only .787 in. wide could be obtained. With the first a resistance of 31.7 tons and an extension of 6 per cent. was registered, with the second 28.9 tons and 10 per cent. extension. From these scanty tests it would appear probable that, in spite of their low carbonation, these plates are affected by hammering in the same manner as those employed at Lorient.

If the steel test bars could be tempered to a degree sufficient to solve all the carbon which they contain, they might be subjected to a regular and general hammering without any sensible variation in their tenacity being indicated. They would lose only a part of their extensibility at rupture, corresponding to the portion absorbed under the blows of the hammer. As another consequence of the ideas exposed above, bars hammered as before, and annealed, ought to recover by this single fact their tenacity and original elasticity. Bars treated in these conditions, that is to say, hammered over their whole surface, then heated to cherry red, and cooled slowly, have shown an effective mean resistance of 29.9 tons, and an extension of 23 per cent. They were thus restored completely to their original condition. In the preceding experiments the test bars were hammered as regularly as possible over their whole surface, so that a metal practically homogeneous and equally tempered was produced. In practice, plates and profiled bars are only subjected to hammering over certain portions of their surface. After this local hammering, the iron should present indications of faults in homogeneity analogous to those observed after punching, that is to say, an apparent reduction in tenacity. This experiment is a difficult one to make on test bars, because this diminution in tenacity ought to be considerable to be perceptible at rupture; the metal supplied by the two manufacturers already named, although of a remarkable homogeneity, shows at various points differences in resistance of the same kind as those produced by hammering.

The same experiment was reproduced, but to decrease the importance of the altered portion, a hole of .59 in. diameter was drilled in the center of the compressed metal. A test bar was thus obtained in a condition analogous to that of bars with punched holes, only the steel was less affected at the edge of the hole than in the latter case, because the pressure that had been exerted was less than that necessary to produce rupture. These bars, broken by traction, showed a reduction in their power of resistance of about 1.9 tons.

Another similar experiment was made to show the injurious influence of caulking when too short rivets are employed. Bars 2.36 in. wide with a drilled hole of .708 in. in diameter, were fitted with a rivet which was violently hammered, so as to leave the impression of the tool in the metal. The rivet having been removed the bar was broken in the testing machine, when it showed a reduction in strength of about 2 tons. This pressure may be compared to that resulting from the shock of the hammer; and from it we may learn what passes in a plate struck at any point. There is first a crushing of the metal and compression in all directions through the reaction of the surrounding parts. In the second place a temper will be created by the blow. When such a plate is tested for tensile strength, a marked extension will show itself in the unaffected part before any such effect is produced at the portion struck by the hammer—first, because this latter had already been partially extended, and was, at the commencement of the experiment, compressed by the outer fibers, since, being tempered, it could carry a heavy strain before reaching its elastic limit. But the portion unaffected extending more quickly, the other part has to resist a more considerable load than it would

have to sustain as a homogeneous bar, and the rupture would take place at this point under a load considerably less than that could have sustained.

When the hammering is not severe a very slight tempering on the surface is produced, and the same result is obtained by hammering over a large surface. When a steel plate or angle iron has to be subjected to this process, it is advisable to spread the shock over as large an area as possible. Plates and angle irons that have been hammered, and afterward annealed, cease to show any of the effects just described; the temperature to which they are raised restores the lost elasticity, and the slow cooling allows the dissolved carbon to separate regularly in such a way as to form a homogeneous metal. The absence of homogeneity resulting from hammering will also sometimes produce more rapid wear in the plates on account of the galvanic currents which are developed.

Independently of the operations already described, steel plates to be brought to their definite form have to be subjected to various processes of dressing or rolling, and of molding, either in a hot or cold state. The former of these may be conducted under the hammer, or in a rolling mill. In the former case the metal is subjected to all the pernicious effects of hammering already described, and this ought to be avoided as far as possible, unless followed by annealing. In the latter case a rolling mill with three rolls is used. In the first pass through this machine the metal is bent into a uniform curve, which the second pass in the opposite direction removes. By repeating this process a sufficient number of times all irregularities on the surface of the plate disappear. By this means the plate is subjected to a minimum and regular deformation, and to a general pressure, which maintains the fibers in the same condition and sets up no injurious action of local tempering. With this machine also a curve can be given to the plates in the direction of their width. This process has been employed almost exclusively for the steel plates employed at Lorient, and examination proves them to be as mild in quality after the operation as before.

Plates which cannot be brought to the desired form in this machine, should be gradually bent by a uniform pressure extending over a certain distance at each operation. If this be done with care the metal remains almost unaffected, and only a portion of the elasticity will have been absorbed. In most of such cases annealing is unnecessary. If it is impossible to form the plates without hammering, without local pressures of great intensity, or if the change of form is very considerable, it is necessary to proceed systematically and with care to avoid fracture during the work. The hammering ought to be confined to light blows over the largest possible surface, so that the change of form will be very gradually effected. Lastly, when the plate is annealed, it should be annealed immediately, because plates in a condition of unstable equilibrium are especially exposed to rupture from outside influences, and the more so the longer they remain in this state.

Heating steel plates requires special care, and it has been long admitted that they must not be treated like iron plates. Let us consider what passes within a plate heated over a larger or smaller area in a forge fire. Whilst the fibres of the outer part which remain unaffected by the fire preserve their normal conditions and dimensions, the portion raised to a high temperature expands and compresses all the metal around it. This compression produces a local tempering and a permanent deformation around the parts heated. When the plate is drawn from the fire, the fibres previously compressed and tempered are subjected to a gradual tensile strain producing an alteration in the elasticity in the direction of the reverse of the preceding, and more intense as cooling goes on; but the effect of the tempering resulting from the original pressure will not be lessened by this tensile strain. The heated portion, on the contrary, is only subjected to compression when it is in the fire. In cooling, it is subjected only to an effort of extension arising from the resistance that the exterior deformed fibres oppose to contraction. A plate originally homogeneous will, therefore, be found, after having been in the fire, in a condition quite different to its original state. If, then, its form be changed to a very slight degree, the different fibres work in harmony no longer, some of them exceed the limit of resistance, and the plate yields under a slight strain. These fractures arise sometimes from causes absolutely insignificant—the blow of a hammer, the stroke of a chisel, the reduction of temperature through a few degrees, &c.

It should, moreover, be remarked that fractures most frequently take place not in the part of the plate exposed to the greatest heat, but in an adjacent portion, that has been tempered, and which has to sustain, in this condition, during cooling, a permanent extension. Experience clearly proves this.

Local heats ought, then, to be avoided as much as possible; if, however, the definite form has to be given to the plate by this means, and without accident, it should be immediately annealed, care being taken to bring up the heat gradually, since any sudden increase of temperature, at a point where the molecular tensions are already exaggerated, would induce rupture.

When the plate has been carefully worked, these irregularities are trifling, and it may be safely placed at once in a furnace at cherry-red heat. Rupture could only take place if the plate was in a state of very unstable equilibrium when placed in the furnace; it is under these conditions that annealing has been carried out at Lorient. After the plate has been heated uniformly to a sufficient temperature, it may be allowed to cool slowly, and the injurious effects of local heating will be entirely destroyed; homogeneity will be re-established.

When it is necessary to heat a steel plate at any point, it should be done—in order to diminish the danger of fracture—in a charcoal fire, charcoal brought to an intense heat being laid upon the part which is to be most highly heated, the heat being gradually reduced on all sides of this point; by this means a gradation of temperature is secured from the lowest to the highest points. Equally all local cooling should be avoided, which will produce, like local heating, injurious effects, though not so intense.

If raised to a sufficient heat, steel plates may be hammered without inconvenience, but when a plate is hammered from the moment it is at red heat, until it is cold, the effects are at least as injurious as those resulting from cold hammering. The blows of the hammer on a hot plate maintain the solution of the carbon produced by the temperature, whilst cold hammering only solves the mixed carbon. It will be seen, therefore, that in the case of hammering prolonged from the moment when the plate is at red heat until it is cold, the final solution is greater than in the case of cold hammering

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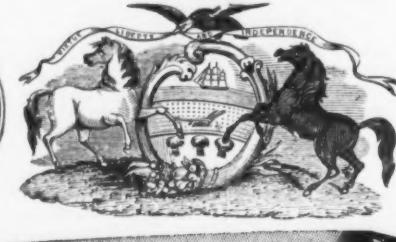
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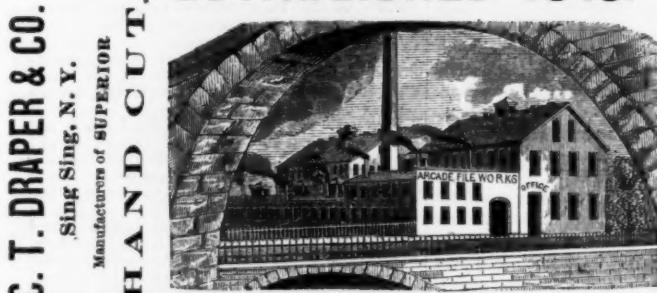
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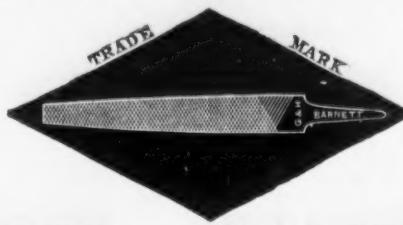
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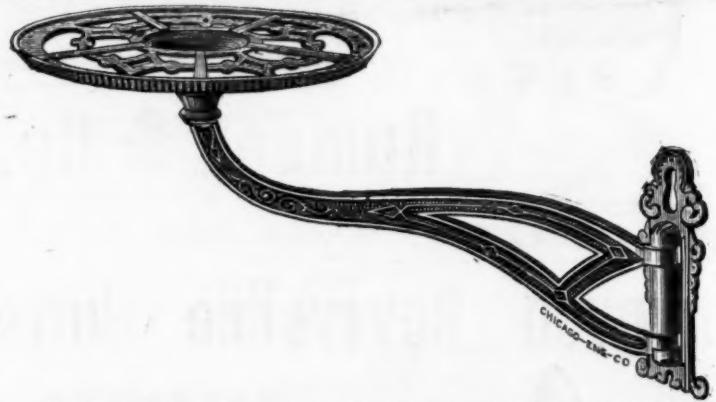
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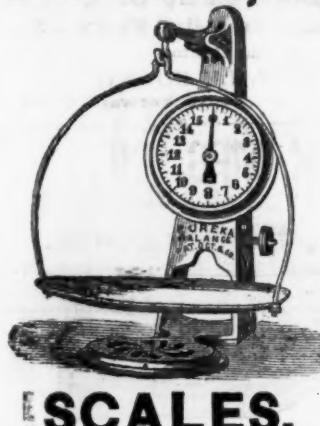
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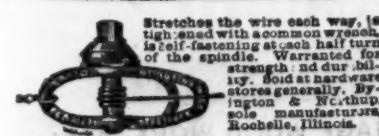
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The Keely motor hoax is prolific. Mr. A. Arnold, of Tenafly, N. J., some time ago assured the public that he had invented a machine years ago which would do all that was claimed for the Keely motor, and now we hear from a Chicago mechanic, Nicholas Thomas by name, and by occupation foreman of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad shops, who wants to bet Mr. Keely \$5000 that he can produce a machine which will do more than the Keely motor, getting its power from the same sources, &c. The following very interesting and amusing description of Mr. Thomas' invention, and his correspondence with Mr. Keely, is given in the Chicago Tribune:

Our Chicago man got the idea, somehow or other, and it seems pretty correctly, too, that he could improve on the Keely motor; that he could soon have a machine in operation which would not only accomplish what Keely hoped to accomplish, but do things that Keely never dreamed of. All he knows of the Keely motor is what he has learned from the papers and from conversations with interested parties, and the amount thus gained is not large. Where a man keeps an invention as much in the dark as Keely does, admitting only a chosen few to his seances, and then allowing them to see only a very small portion of the wonders the machine is to accomplish, it is not strange that so little real knowledge regarding the motor has been made known. At the time Mr. Thomas first read of the Keely discovery, he therefore knew very little about it. The papers guessed at the principles involved. He reasoned it out. With the idea that he could do better he set to work. Occupying his position in the railroad shops, he was necessarily obliged to work out his idea off duty, at his home in the evening, and at the foundry of John Featherstone, on Front street, near North Halsted. This gentleman seems to have become interested in the matter very soon after it was started, and allowed the inventor the use of his office, where he has made several of his experiments, and where he now has the apparatus. Subsequently Mr. Thomas has been assisted by the substantial backing of such men as S. F. Gale and David A. Gage. Starting out with the general idea of generating power by the use of water, Mr. Thomas, after discovering that this could be done, employed the power so generated to run a little toy engine which could probably be bought at any toy store for less than a dollar. He found that the force generated would drive this with the greatest ease, and he next tried the plan with an engine somewhat larger, but still quite a trifling affair. Not having any great means at his command, he next accepted the offer of an engine from Mr. Featherstone, which had been made by one of the molders in that gentleman's employ, and used by him to run a sewing machine. This engine is the one now in use in connection with the main apparatus at the office of the Columbia Iron Foundry, and is a simple beam engine, not constructed with as much care as an engineer, like Mr. Thomas himself, would have displayed. It was discovered that the engine under the power of this wonderful motor was a mere plaything. Then a pressure of over 17,000 pounds to the square inch was obtained, and again a pressure of over 20,000 pounds.

#### THOMAS TO KEELY.

Very naturally Mr. Thomas thought he had gotten hold of a big thing, and with this idea he one day sat down and penned the following letter:

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MR. KEELY—Dear Sir: Having seen considerable space in the papers devoted to your machine, I take this means of letting you know that I have a machine which will do all yours has done, as certified to at the test trials published, and I now challenge you to put one of yours in competition with mine, both generators being the same size, the test being the pressure generated in a specified time, and the time an engine is run by said machine; the engines to be the same size and description. I will put up \$5000, you to put up the like amount, and the test to be a public one. If you wish to accept this challenge, please answer at once. I would have published this challenge in the papers, but thought it would be best to hear from you first. If I do not, I shall publish publicly, and sell the secret to the highest bidder.

NICHOLAS THOMAS.

Before a reply came it seemed that Mr. Bell, the expert connected with the Keely motor, came to Chicago and saw the Thomas invention. He probably reported at Philadelphia shortly after, and Mr. Thomas then received THE FOLLOWING REPLY:

Office of CHARLES A. COLLIER, ATTORNEY AND  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW (IN PATENT CAUSES),  
No. 702 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA,  
July 15th, 1875.

Mr. Nicholas Thomas, Chicago, Ill.

DEAR SIR: As the counsel for Mr. Keely, I am requested by him to write you expressing to you his sincere thanks for the kindly treatment and courtesies extended to Mr. Bell during his recent visit to your city. The apparatus exhibited by you to Mr. Bell, I am also requested to say, is substantially similar to an apparatus constructed by Mr. Keely long since, but is entirely unlike in principle, operation and effect, his generator or multiplicator, known as the Keely Motor. I am further desired to say that within a short time, say a few months, Mr. Keely will be in a condition, with a new apparatus now rapidly approaching completion, to exhibit to you the operations of his machine, which, no doubt, will be of great interest to a mechanic of your ability. At such time you will be duly notified, and Mr. Keely will then take great pleasure in reciprocating the courtesies so

kindly extended by you to Mr. Bell, and I may add that probably some proposition may be submitted to you by which you may become interested in his invention, for the State in which you reside, and which will be to your pecuniary advantage. The pressing engagements of Mr. Keely prevent him from addressing you in person. Very respectfully yours,

CHARLES B. COLLIER, for J. W. KEELY.

The challenge has never been accepted. Some of the Keely men were here the other day, and it is supposed that the proposition was then made which is referred to by Mr. Collier, by which Thomas was to become interested in Keely's invention for the State of Illinois, and which would be to his pecuniary advantage. Whether any such proposition was made or not, it is certain that no arrangements could be made which would prove satisfactory to all parties. The Keely men returned, having abandoned the idea of keeping the Chicago man still, while the latter is busily engaged in making a perfect model to send to Washington, where application will be made for a patent. The challenge is still open, but the Keely folks do not seem very anxious to accept.

Yesterday afternoon the inventor gave an exhibition of what his invention can do at Featherstone's foundry, in the presence of several gentlemen interested in mechanics. The inventor came in about 3 o'clock, and, when asked to proceed, did so by simply turning a cock which allowed water from the hydrant to enter the mysterious generator, where, in some equally mysterious manner, it was transformed into its enormous force. In forty-six seconds a pressure of 7150 pounds to the square inch was obtained, and shortly afterward this pressure was increased to 17,000 pounds. The engine was put in motion by admitting the gas generated, or the motive power, or whatever it may be called, through a very small tube into the piston, when the wheels began to revolve. By admitting a greater or smaller quantity the speed was either increased or retarded.

The inventor stood near and answered the questions asked and the criticisms offered by the spectators. Of course he did not explain everything, as that would be to divulge the great secret of the invention. But from what he said the following general description was obtained, and, if the reader has the curiosity, as many doubtless will have, to follow the water out, he can see the machine itself at almost any time:

The apparatus consists of two parts—a generator and an engine. The latter is of ordinary construction, and is not a part of the invention. It will, therefore, be necessary to speak only of the generator, which the inventor keeps pretty well boxed up where it is secure from the too-prying eyes of the curiosity hunter. There are two cylinders, each about twelve inches in diameter, and about twelve inches deep. Inside of these cylinders are the pipes, which are connected by another pipe to a reservoir much stronger than the generators. The water pipe, with a pressure of about 10 pounds to the square inch, is connected with the generator. When the water is admitted, it produces the force, which passes through the reservoir, and thence through a pipe with an area of about 1-16 of an inch to the engine, whose cylinder is 3-16 inches stroke by three inches in diameter, and which makes about 150 revolutions per minute. A lever, five feet long, is attached to the generator and loaded down at one end with a piece of iron weighing 201 pounds. The contrivance acts as a sort of safety-valve. When the engine is not running, and the force generated is, therefore, not being exhausted, but kept in reserve, an additional weight of 220 pounds can be attached to the weight without deflecting the lever. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Thomas suspended himself to the weight with his hands, and his own weight, 150 pounds, together with that of the iron itself, was not sufficient to pull the bar down. Mr. Gage, weighing nearly 200 pounds, tried it with the same result, and a day or two ago Mr. Sanborn, master mechanic of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, who weighs 220 pounds, was unable to pull it down.

Mr. Thomas is so well satisfied that he is determined to go further, and is confident that, before many weeks have elapsed, he will have a machine which will convince even the most sceptical of its entire practicability.

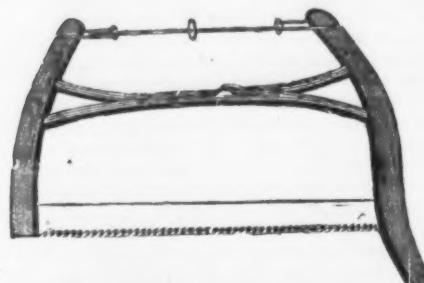
Even with the present apparatus, small and imperfect as a first experiment must be, he says he can drive an engine 75 times as large as the one now being used. He thinks he has accomplished what Keely has, and more too, but with different apparatus. One great difference between his motor and Keely's lies in the fact that the former claims he can run his engine continuously. He has left the office when the engine was running, and on his return hours afterward it had not stopped. He says he doesn't really know how much power he has, but he knows how much pressure can be exerted to the square inch with the present apparatus. In reply to a question as to whether any chemicals or electricity were used, Mr. Thomas said they were not, and that nothing was used but air and water. The weight is simply used to slow the pressure. Gauges were used at first, but so great was the pressure that they burst, and he now has to employ the weight.

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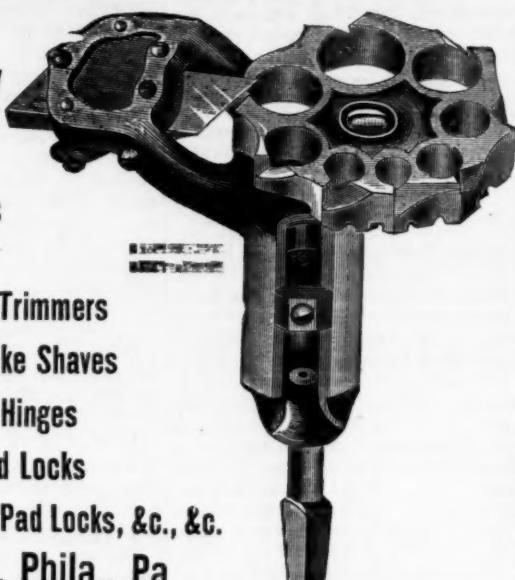
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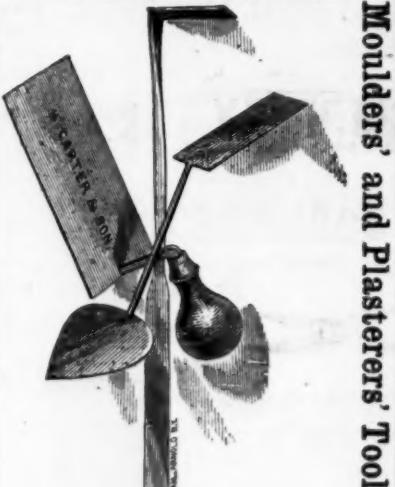
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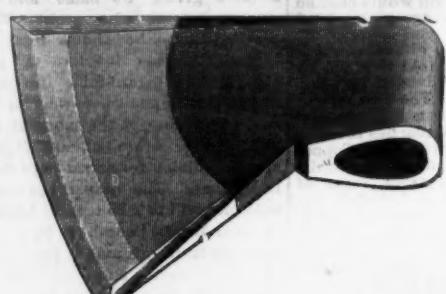
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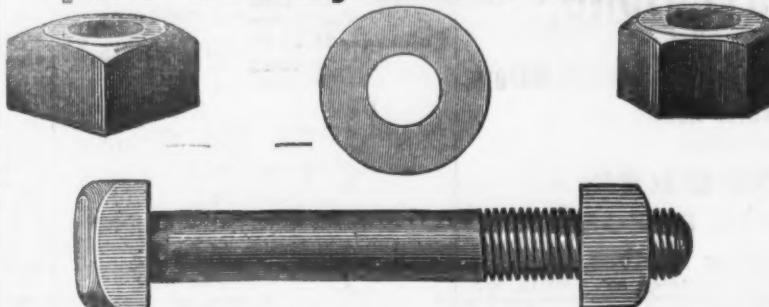
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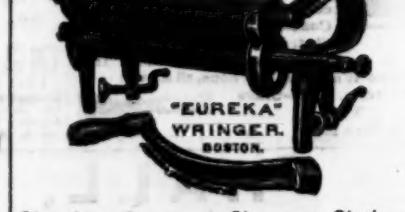
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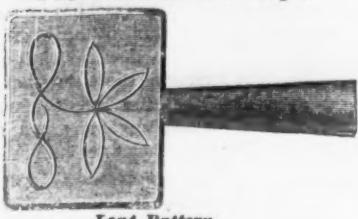
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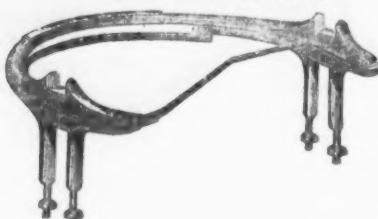
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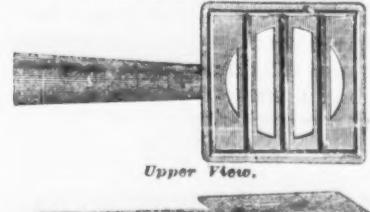
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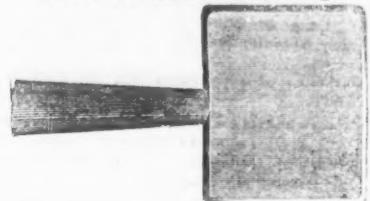


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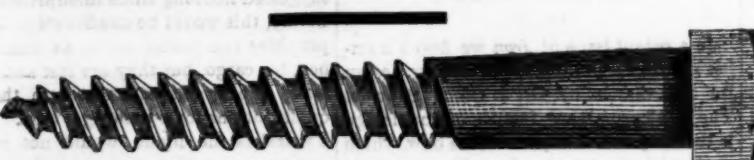
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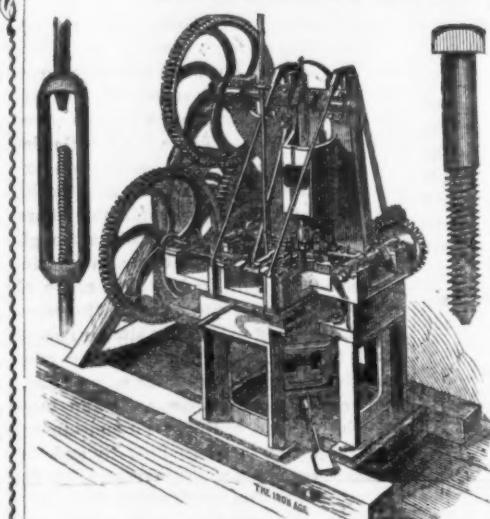
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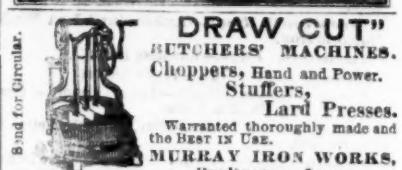
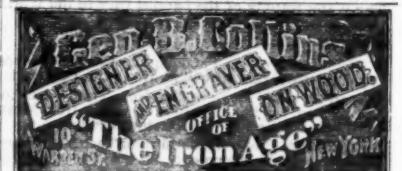
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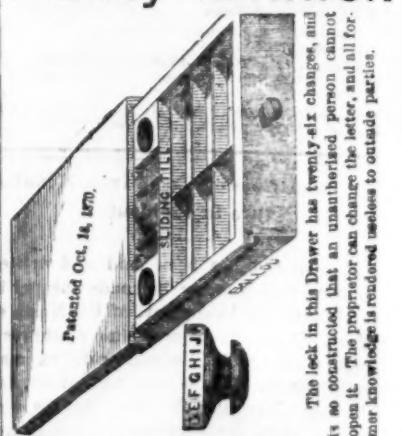
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## The Conditions of Cheap Iron Manufacture in the South.

A great deal has been said and written to prove that iron can be made cheaper in the South than in any part of the North or West. That the assertion no doubt rests upon a substantial basis of truth, we may well believe, when so high an authority as Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell says that the conditions which are necessary to the manufacture of cheap iron—namely, contiguous ores, fuels and flux—exist to a greater and more perfect extent in the South than elsewhere, except some highly favored portions of Europe. But with all these advantages, the iron industries of the South now suffer as severely as those of any other section of the country, and the furnaces of the South have not been able to furnish the mills at

Pittsburgh with cheaper iron than is supplied by furnaces in and about that city. Whatever the possibilities of iron manufacture in the South, there have undoubtedly been too many glowing pictures of what could be done, and too few well-directed and sustained efforts to realize these predictions. We do not doubt that iron is made in Tennessee cheaper than in Pennsylvania, but by the time it is delivered in Pittsburgh the added cost of transportation makes it cost more than the local product. Again, there has been a great deal of looseness in the grading of Southern irons, which has not tended to give them a good name or to enable the makers, as the rule, to command a high price for them. Evidently, therefore, the possibilities of cheap iron making in the South have not yet been realized. In the competition for rails for the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, the Roane Iron Company, of Chattanooga, was underbid by several Western mills, and we are informed that the representatives of the Roane Company stated that they could not compete with the Western mills and pay freights; also, that they have since furnished 1000 tons at \$52.50, delivered in Kentucky. It was, however, of the Roane Company's furnace that the first great boast was uttered that iron could be made in them at a cost not exceeding \$18 per ton. With a fair grade of pig iron at this price, or near it, it seems strange that they could not make rails for \$50 at a profit, delivered in Cincinnati. But behind the question of transportation lies the fact that the coal used in the Roane Company's rolling mill costs \$2 to \$2.50 per ton of 2000 lbs., while the Cleveland mills get the Mahoning coal at \$1 to \$1.25. This is no small item, although the consumption of coal probably does not exceed two tons to the ton of finished rails. In addition, we have the fact, on the authority of Mr. Bell, that the cost of puddling at Chattanooga is 75 cents higher than in Cleveland. Here we have a difference of about \$3 against the Southern mills, which can only be offset by the use of cheaper fuel.

The most complete and costly furnace in the South, and the one of which much has been expected, is the Rising Fawn, in Dade county, Georgia. It has a first-class stack, a Whitwell hot blast oven, one of Morris' best engines, and is owned by men with large capital. A so-called Belgian oven was erected when the furnace was built, but has not yet been successfully used, although put up at great cost. From a Chattanooga paper we learn that this furnace is now getting its coke from Tracy City, made of Suwanee coal, and has contracted for 8000 bushels of this fuel per day, at 10 cents per bushel. Without stopping to consider why this company do not use their own coal, we cannot but contrast their operations with those of the Lucy Furnace, at Pittsburgh. This furnace may be taken as an example of the best Western practice, as the Rising Fawn is of the best Southern. The Lucy makes 600 tons per week, and the Rising Fawn cannot be counted on for more than 280 tons. There is, consequently, a great saving in labor for the Lucy. The latter uses a local ore, calcined and guaranteed to yield 60 per cent. of iron, which costs at the furnace \$6 per ton. Allowing one and three-quarter tons of this ore to the ton of pig, we may assume that the ore required for a ton of the Lucy product costs \$10.50. Mr. Bell states that at the time of his visit it was \$11.25, but we have later information which causes us to place our estimate 75 cents below his. The Rising Fawn Company use a fossiliferous iron limestone, which will average 40 per cent. in the furnace. The cost of mining and delivering it is about \$2 per ton. Hence, the ore for a ton of the Rising Fawn product costs about \$3—an advantage of \$5.50 over the Lucy. For fuel the Lucy uses chiefly a coke made from the slack and waste coal of the mines on the Monongahela. It costs at the furnace \$2.37½ per 2000 lbs., and if we assume a consumption of 80 bushels to the ton of pig, this, at 4½ cents per bushel (40 lbs.), gives us \$3.80 as the cost of the fuel per ton of iron. With the same consumption of coke, the cost of fuel at the Rising Fawn per ton of iron would be \$8. This gives a difference in favor of the Lucy Furnace of \$4.20. We give the comparison in tabular form as follows:

	Lacy Furnace.	Rising Fawn Furnace.
Cost of ore.	\$11.25	\$8.00
Cost of 80 bushels coke.	\$3.80	\$2.37½
Net difference in favor of Rising Fawn on cost of materials.	\$15.05	\$13.00

In addition to this, the Rising Fawn furnace has advantage over the Lucy in lower taxes, which probably counterbalances the Lucy's saving in labor upon a greater yield; but it is evident that if the Rising Fawn could get coke at 7 cents per bushel, its product would be able to bear the cost of transportation, and yet compete with the Pittsburgh irons in that and neighboring markets.

By adapting this comparison to the smaller furnaces North and South, it becomes still more strikingly in favor of the latter, but the fact remains that the small Southern furnaces cannot place iron in Pittsburgh at present prices with profit. There is probably no furnace in the South better managed than that at Chattanooga, yet the product of this stack has only the advantage of the freights from Pittsburgh down, over the irons of that city in the Cincinnati and Louisville markets; and yet the Chattanooga and Bartow furnaces have an advantage over the Rising Fawn in richer ores and at less cost per ton of pig iron.

We have gone over all this ground, not to show that the South cannot utilize her superior natural advantages in the production of cheaper iron than can be made in the West, but rather to show that it cannot realize this hope under existing conditions. The one essential of success for the Southern furnaces seems to be cheaper fuel, and in our issue of next week we shall endeavor to show how this may be secured.

## The Iron Trade at Home and Abroad.

Every indication points to the fact that the English iron trade is on the verge of a crisis, which will shake this great industry to the foundations. The *Daily Telegraph*, of London, in an article on this subject, predicts a general stoppage of iron manufacturing and mining. Some of the great companies have already closed all contracts and dismissed their work people; half the mills in the North of England have stopped or given notice, and the remainder are working without profit. Not only are prices so low as to be unremunerative, but orders are so scarce that few establishments can get enough to keep them going at any price. There is so little demand for iron rails that the stagnation extends to Wales, and only the steel works are now enjoying any considerable share of the patronage of the railroads, although the steel trade is probably as much depressed as the iron trade. The cause of the depression seems to be much the same as that operating to produce similar results in this country. There is very little consumptive demand—and in the case of England very little export demand—and buyers who, under ordinary circumstances, would probably purchase liberally and, by so doing, give tone to the market, are holding off, under the impression that "the bottom has not been reached," or at least, that they can better afford to let manufacturers carry the stocks than to buy now in anticipation of a future requirement. The fact that prices cannot decline, and, indeed, cannot long continue at their present low average, without leading to a total stoppage of production, does not seem to have weight as an argument in favor of present purchases.

Until recently the makers of merchant irons have managed to keep along from month to month without serious difficulty, but they are working off their contracts, and only small orders for odd lots are coming in, making the prospects for the remainder of the winter discouraging, but not quite hopeless. Pig iron, though not held in large stocks, is tending downward, but will probably respond quickly to any improvement in the demand for manufactured irons.

From this brief review of the state of trade, as reported in our latest English advices, it will be seen that in most respects the state of affairs in the iron districts of Great Britain is much the same as in those of this country. The one exception seems to be that in this country the stock of pig iron is pretty large, and a brisk and continuous demand would be needed to so reduce the stock of mill irons as to raise the price to a point which would encourage the blowing in of any considerable number of idle furnaces. In other respects, however, we are somewhat better off than our English neighbors. With us labor is more tractable, and wages have adjusted themselves to a scale more nearly in accordance with the price of finished iron. No further reduction in the wages of laborers employed about blast furnaces could reasonably be asked by employers, and the mill hands are, we think, well content with present wages under existing conditions. We are glad to notice a disposition on the part of furnace and mill owners at this time to study the minor economies more carefully than they have hitherto deemed necessary, and the fruits of this study will be reaped for years to come in lessened cost and increased profits.

The position of the iron trade on the Continent is scarcely better than in Great Britain, save in a few localities enjoying exceptional facilities. The recent attempts to stimulate the iron trade in Germany have not been attended with success, and the same is true of Austria. Most of the works built during the past few years have suspended, and many of the companies are

hopelessly bankrupt. All Germany is just now suffering from industrial and commercial depression, and grave fears are entertained that, should the protective duties which were to have expired by the end of the year, not be continued, the prospects of recovery in some important branches of manufacture will be small indeed. In France the position of the iron trade is said to be extremely precarious. The prices offered for small lots are so low that it is sometimes difficult to find establishments which will take them, while to secure large orders the bids are so low as to barely return cost. Belgium is the only country of the world which seems to be able to keep her ironworks busy, but as the whole production of Belgium is only about equal to that of North Staffordshire, it does not exercise a controlling influence upon the markets of the world. The Belgian iron masters have a marked advantage over those of England in the matter of cheap labor, and it is on account of this that they have managed to do some business in England of late, very much to the discomfort of the manufacturers of that country, and to compete successfully for a number of foreign orders offered in the British market.

The only consolation which we can draw from the fact that we have the principal iron producing countries of the world in the same position as ourselves, is the knowledge that our misfortunes are brought about largely by the operation of causes against which we could not have guarded, and for which we are not responsible. Three or four years ago there was everything to encourage the building of iron works. The demand was steadily growing, stocks were melting and prices were steadily advancing. There seemed to be no good reason why this demand should fall off, or why prices should decline until the supply should exceed the demand. Those who built new iron works or extended and increased their facilities at this time, may have acted unwise, but it must be confessed that at the time everybody believed they were doing wisely. The fact remains, however, that the world's capacity for producing iron is considerably in excess of the present demand for that metal, and that we must wait until another wave of progress shall overtake us. For the present the iron master cannot do better than employ both his spare time and spare capital in discovering and providing the means of cheapening the cost and improving the quality of his product. The time is not far distant when he will have opportunity to make good use of what he has learned and is daily learning from the rough experiences of this year and last.

## Fast Ocean Steamers.

In a recent issue of *Iron* we find a number of drawings illustrating a new design for fast vessels, by Dr. J. Collis Browne. The most prominent feature of the design is the shape of that part of the bow which deals with the waves. In ordinary vessels the stem is vertical, or slopes forward from the keel, so that the vessel is longer on deck than on the keel. At the same time the upper part of the bow is made to flare, for the purpose of throwing the waves off when they strike. In ploughing through a head sea the blows are very severe, and materially increase the power required to propel the vessel. With bluff or full bow the whole vessel is lifted, as it were, by the end. It has been noticed that monitors and similar iron-clads with low ends, when in heavy seaway, encounter very little resistance, working ahead without any considerable diminution of speed. Acting on the suggestions furnished by this and similar facts, Dr. Browne has designed two yachts, one a sailing vessel and the other a steam launch, of a very peculiar model. The ends are low, and the stem inclines backward from the keel, raking aft much more than the cutwater of an ordinary vessel rakes forward. The vessel is much shorter on deck than on the keel, and, instead of flaring outward at the bow, as is the rule with all modern ships, "tumbles home," as the old expression is, growing narrower upward. A sea passes harmlessly over the bow, so that the vessel does not meet an increase of resistance from a head sea. A familiar example of such a vessel is found in Winans' well known cigar steamer. This vessel went through the waves, instead of over them, had very little motion and was very fast. Dr. Browne's vessels differ a little in trifling particulars from Winans' cigar steamer. The latter was circular in cross section, while the new boats are more nearly like a fish in shape at the bow and stern, and at midships are very like ordinary vessels. The principle is the same in both—sending the vessel's bow through a wave, instead of making her rise and go over it. Dr. Browne's steamer has its screw propeller placed at the stern, while in Winans' steamer it was midships and

surrounded the vessel—a very unfortunate thing—and was probably one of the causes of abandonment or want of success in the plan. Winans' cigar steamer was reported to be very fast, and fabulous stories were told of the miles she ran per hour. Probably in a heavy sea no vessel has ever much exceeded her speed, if it has ever been equaled. While the new model is step in the right direction, there does not seem to be any hope that the English naval architects will be able to get any great speed out of it. For years they have built safe and moderately fast steamers, but they have not been successful in building very fast boats of any kind except steam launches. Their ocean steamers make from sixteen to seventeen knots, or even on some occasions as high as eighteen knots. The latter speed is only a trifle over twenty-two miles per hour. This would be very fast for an ocean steamer, but, unfortunately, the English boats that do this are not intended for ocean navigation; and for river or still water craft this is not so good as has been done in this country by from five to seven miles per hour by more than one steamer. While the ocean steamers have been enormously increased in length and engine power, their speed is but very little better than it was years ago. The Atlantic passage is shorter by reason of a larger size, which is less effected by the sea. Fast vessels of moderate size are possible. The experiments of Winans in this country, M. Bazin in France, and Dr. Browne in England,

conductor. It does not deflect the spot of light when passed through Thompson's mirror galvanometer; it has no effect upon a solution of iodide of potassium; it does not require a circuit, but passes equally well through a straight wire, whether insulated or not; it has no affinity for the earth, and cannot be "grounded;" it has no polarity, and is apparently not affected by metallic resistance. If these phenomena, which Mr. Edison claims to have established by careful experiments, are substantiated by further and more convincing tests, the discovery will possess great practical importance. By means of it telegraphing may be done over non-insulated wires, and a separate service could be maintained through each metallic strand of a submarine cable. Mr. Edison may be mistaken in his first conclusions, but the important services he has already rendered in the simplification and perfection of electrical apparatus, give an importance to whatever he may say on the subject. The results of subsequent experiments will be awaited with interest.

We mentioned in a recent issue a curious freak of lightning which caused a railway collision on an English railway, where the block system of signals is used. It seems that a train was stopped by an electric signal, which showed that the line was blocked. After waiting some minutes a flash of lightning was seen, the arm of the signal dropped so as to give the signal of all right. The train was then ordered forward, the line being supposed to be clear. A short distance ahead, however, another train was encountered and a collision resulted. The signal it seems was given by the neutralization of the battery current by the electricity in the atmosphere, so as to allow the arm to drop and show the line clear. As yet there have been but few accidents in working railways on the so-called, block system. The inventors and those interested in the introduction of the system as practiced in England have told us very little in regard to anything except its merits. Defects, doubtless, it has, and this accident shows one of them. With this system, however, we may expect very severe accidents when we have any at all. The system is an exceedingly expensive one, and yet it seems to be liable to failures of a very serious kind. In this country lines of telegraph are subjected at times to very great disturbances by atmospheric electricity. In Sept., 1859, during the great Aurora, the earth, or atmospheric, currents were so strong that, between Portland and Boston, messages were sent without the use of a battery. Since that time the feat has been frequently performed. Such disturbances may produce serious results, either by stopping trains by interfering with signals, or, by the same means, sending them forward when they should be delayed. Many persons unacquainted with the working of these systems think them the panacea for all the ills of train dispatching, but in view of the enormous expense involved, and the delays and annoyances occasioned we do not think it entitled to any considerable amount of praise, at least, not in its present form.

#### Scientific and Technical Notes.

A mill that is stopped is a bad thing for the operators, but a mill that won't stop when it is wanted to, is even worse. The *Pall Mall Gazette* tells the story of

**A RUNAWAY MILL,**  
at Bollington, as follows: "The machinery suddenly bolted like a runaway horse and caused a general panic. It appears from some cause, 'not at present thoroughly understood,' the steam from the boilers overcame the control of the governors of the engine, and the machinery began, in consequence, to move at such a speed that the spinners threw their mules out of gear, and by so doing precipitated the catastrophe they were trying to avoid. The rapid revolutions of the engine caused the fly-wheel to break in pieces, and one huge fragment dashed upward through the floor of a grinding room above, and then through the roof, coming down through another portion of the roof. The other segments of the wheel were hurled through the walls, and altogether the building was wrecked to such an extent that the walls in some parts fell in, and the room above and the roof were demolished. A complete stampede took place among the hands, who number about 150, and they rushed out of the room in the wildest confusion. Happily, no lives were lost; but it is fully expected that the result of the casualty will be a three-month's stoppage of nearly all work at the mill, the machinery of which, it is to be hoped, will be brought under some kind of control before it is put into action again."

Dr. Neumayer has presented to the geographical society of Berlin a remarkable apparatus for making

#### DEEP SEA SOUNDINGS BY MEANS OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

It consists of a brass box, hermetically closed, and having attached to it an apparatus resembling a vane or rudder. Within this box a thermometer and a magnetic needle are contained, behind each of which is placed sensitive photographic paper, and in front of each of which is a small nitrogen vacuum tube. The box contains also a small induction coil. When the apparatus is lowered to the required depth,

the rudder causes it to take a direction parallel to the current there existing, and hence a definite direction with reference to the needle within. The thermometer soon acquires the temperature of the water outside, and becomes stationary. At this instant an electric current is sent to the box, which, by means of the induction coil inside, lights up the little nitrogen tube, the violet light of which, photographically very intense, prints, in about three minutes, the position of the needle and the height of the mercury column upon the prepared paper. The current is then intermittent, the apparatus raised, the photographic tracing fixed, examined, and placed upon record.

A curious little engine, termed by the inventor

#### AN ELECTRO CAPILLARY MOTOR,

has been described by M. Lippmann. If a globule of mercury be placed in a saucer, together with a little solution of potassium bichromate, acidified with sulphuric acid, and it be touched upon the side with a point of iron, it will at once contract laterally, drawing itself away from the iron. This will break the contact; gravity will spread the globule out again, when it will again touch the iron and contract; and so on. The explanation of this phenomenon is to be found in the fact that the electric current developed on contact of the two metals, changes the capillary constant of the mercury, and hence its form. This is the action which M. Lippmann has utilized in his motor. In a glass tank filled with diluted sulphuric acid, are two small cylinders containing mercury. A bundle of capillary tubes, open at both ends, is placed in each cylinder, resting on the mercury, each bundle being connected above with one end of a walking beam, the prolongation of which is attached a connecting rod, crank and fly-wheel. By means of a commutator on the axis of the fly-wheel, the mercury in each cylinder is alternately connected with a small battery; its capillary constant is changed, its ascent in the tubes increased, that side preponderates, and causes a semi-rotation of the fly-wheel. This sends the current to the other cylinder, which, acting similarly, completes the rotation. As many as 100 revolutions per minute have been obtained with this engine. Conversely, on rotating the fly-wheel by hand, a galvanometer in the current indicates the production of an electric current.

Experiments are now in progress at Earl Dudley's Round Oak Iron Works with a new

#### ARTIFICIAL FUEL FOR PUDDLING.

The *Iron Trade Circular* gives the following account of the experiments and fuel used: For some time past there have been experiments in the neighborhood, but it was understood that the crucial test was to be brought about on Tuesday, when some of Lord Dudley's pig iron was to be converted into finished iron by the aid of the patent fuel. Upon arrival at the Round Oak Works, the party were met by Mr. Casson, the manager, and conducted over the works. It was determined that the trial should be made with ordinary "pigs" in the Casson-Dormoy furnace, an invention which is being largely adopted in the works in consequence of the saving in labor and the heavy produce from the materials supplied. The furnace being charged with the "bricks of patent fuel" and the "pigs," a very favorable opinion of the merits of the fuel was given by the manager and sub-manager. There was very little ash, not much "clinker," and the product was satisfactory.

The process for the production of artificial fuel, patented and invented by Mr. Dixon, has for its object the utilization of small coal, slack, whether of the bituminous or non-bituminous kind, coke dust, peat, or other similar carbonaceous substances, in a disintegrated or granular state. The manufacture is carried on in the following manner: A composition is formed with dextrine, pitch, fusil oil and aluminate of soda in suitable proportions. The dextrine forms the adhesive principle, while pitch is only used in sufficient quantity to waterproof the composition. It has been discovered by Mr. Dixon that fusil oil possesses the valuable property of causing complete combustion of the smoking carbon of the fuel, while alum soda ensures a complete coking of the fuel. These invaluable properties render this form of artificial fuel of the first importance as a steam generator for metallurgical operations, and alike for domestic purposes. It is of slightly higher specific gravity than coal—hard, dense, cohesion perfect, entirely waterproof, will stand rough usage without disintegrating or loss. It burns with a continuous bright red flame, comparatively smokeless, and as it coaks throws out a much larger heat than coal. Its absence from dust and dirt, freedom from sulphur, and the small quantity of ash which it leaves are special properties which other patent fuels do not possess. From the thorough admixture of the fuel spontaneous combustion is entirely avoided. Eighty tons of coal was used per ton of pig. In 1830 using coke and a blast heated to 300° Fahr., 108 cwt. of coal only was used. In 1833, with a blast nearly 620° Fahr., and raw coal, only 45 cwt. were used. But to the consumption of coal with hot blast must be added the 8 cwt. used in the blast stoves, making the relative figures 161, 111 and 53 cwt. There was a further economy in the 30 per cent. increased yield and the fact of only two-thirds the quantity of blast and limestone before necessary being required.

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Taken altogether, the day's experiments were a success.

Mr. T. A. Edison, of Newark, N. J., whose name is associated with some of the most important discussions in the art of telegraphy, and who stands high as an electrician, has discovered

A NEW MANIFESTATION OF ELECTRICITY, which possesses much scientific interest. On the night of Nov. 22, while Mr. Edison and his assistant, Charles Batchelor, were experimenting in their laboratory, they made a discovery which is recorded as follows in their journal:

"In experimenting with a vibrator magnet, consisting of a bar of Stubbs' steel, fastened at one end and made to vibrate by means of a magnet, we noticed a spark coming from the core of the magnet. This we have often noticed before in relays; in stock printers, when there were iron filings between the armature and core, and often in the new electric pen. Always supposed it was inductive electricity, but happened to notice it when it seemed as strong that we suspected it might be something more than induction. Acting on the supposition, we found that by touching any portion of the vibrator or magnet with a piece of metal we got the spark. We then connected a wire to the end of the vibrating rod, and got a spark by touching a piece of iron to it."

The experimenters were led to try the effect of different metals in drawing off the spark, and soon found cadmium was the most effective for their purpose. A bar of this metal was placed across the magnetic coil of the electric instrument, and a long wire attached to it. The electric circuit was thus drained of its current, which passed through the cadmium and the subsequent wire into a gas pipe, and so into the earth. Notwithstanding this interruption of the continuity of the circuit, it was found that when any metallic substance was brought into contact with the gas pipe, or with the intervening wire, a white spark was evolved with unusual brilliancy. Then it occurred to Mr. Edison that possibly this spark might be the manifestation of some unknown force acting simultaneously with electricity. Accordingly he applied to it the tests by which the presence of electricity is detected, and was surprised to find that the testing instruments gave no indication of the electric presence. A delicate gold-leaf electroscope was undisturbed by the new manifestation, conclusively proving either that electricity may manifest itself in entirely new phases, or that under certain conditions it gives birth to a new and distant force. Mr. Edison has named the new principle "etheric force." This discovery was put to test by various experiments, and the following results obtained: That the new force is non-polar, radiating in straight lines like heat; that it is capable of transmission to indefinite distances through an uninsulated wire; that it is not affected by the ordinary non-conductors of electricity, as glass, &c., and that it is retroactive, the spark being obtainable when the wire is turned back so as to touch itself. Mr. Edison is of the opinion that it can be made to manifest itself otherwise than by the spark, and that it may be derived from heat independently of electricity.

In order to put it to a severe test he connected a wire from his laboratory with the ordinary telegraph wire, and by permission of the telegraph company was enabled to make a circuit extending from New York to New Brunswick, N. J., both ends terminating in his laboratory. After passing through this great extent of wire the electric current was diverted, the cadmium wire attached, and a series of sparks evolved as readily as though the circuit had been only a yard long. The practical value of this discovery consists in its manifestation of the possibility of sending messages over cables or wires not insulated. Instead of employing poles or glass insulators it seems to be necessary only to make an attachment to the railroad track or to a wire laid in the earth, and the message can be as readily transmitted as by the present process. The expensive insulated cables now used for ocean telegraphy can be rivaled by cables of much cheaper construction, and in other ways the present cumbersome apparatus necessary for utilizing electricity may be avoided.

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	1830.	1831.	1833.
For fusion cwt. of coal.....	161	111	53
For heating air...cwt.	5	5	5
Total coal used in blast	161	111	53
cwts.....	153	96	59
Blast.....cold	450° Fahr.	612° Fahr.	

Bell, alluding to these figures, very fairly points out that a considerable portion of the economy here shown is due to the fact that with the hot blast raw coal is used, and that

therefore the loss of carbon which takes place in the coking process helps to swell the difference between the coal consumptions under the two systems. By the aid of the hot blast the Scotch iron masters were saved not less than 26 per ton of pig. In Staffordshire the use of heated air reduced the coal consumption from 4 tons to 2½ tons. In the United States anthracite furnaces the saving amounted to 50 per cent. of the fuel formerly used, while the production was doubled. With bituminous coal the economy was not so marked, and in the charcoal furnaces it was not more than 20 per cent. But the case was far otherwise in South Wales. Dufrenoy gives the consumption of raw coal at the Plymouth Works under the hot and cold blast regime as 36 and 53 cwt. respectively, while the average saving to the Welsh maker was alleged to be not more than 2½ per ton of pig. In France the advantage was still less than in Wales; in certain furnaces quoted by the same authority, working with a very small fuel consumption, the only result from the adoption of hot blast was that the furnace ran gray instead of white pig as before. In the charcoal furnaces of Sweden, on the other hand, with a blast heated to 600° Fahr., there was a saving of one-third of the fuel used with the cold blast, and with a blast heat of 300° the saving was 24 per cent.

For about 20 years from the date of Neilson's patent it was hardly attempted to materially exceed the temperature of blast which was used in the Clyde Works in 1834. The breeches-pipe, pistol pipe and Wasseraufgang stoves were designed and modified rather with a view to economize fuel in the stoves than to impart any greater heat to the air, while the material, iron, of which they were made seemed little capable of long withstanding the effect of temperatures higher than 700° or 750° F., without frequent fracture of the pipes and burning away at the joints from oxidation of the metal. But the general use in the blast stoves of the hitherto generally wasted furnace gases acted as an inducement to find a profitable application for their superfluous calorific power, which was far from being exhausted when the heat imparted to the blast was hardly greater than the sensible temperature of the gases before their combustion.

Notwithstanding many practical difficulties, when the idea that 650° or 750° F. was not a natural limit to the blast temperature, and that an increase might be beneficial had fairly presented itself to the technical mind, it was found that cast iron stoves could be pressed to give over 100° higher temperature, and yet escape the immediate destruction which had been predicted for them. Indeed, it has recently been established at Ayrshire and Newport, that a temperature of nearly 1100° F. can be maintained with a modified U-pipe stove of cast iron. For these excessive temperatures, however, it cannot be denied that iron is not a desirable material to use, as regards durability and economy. In the Siemens-Cowper and Whitwell stoves, however, the means of indefinitely increasing the limit of blast temperature is furnished. The principle on which they both act is that of the well known "regenerator." Two fire brick chambers are necessary, of which each is used alternately as a combustion chamber and for a blast heater, the air during the latter period receiving back from the fire brick the heat which this brick had absorbed from the flame and gases during the previous two hours.

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The difference between the stoves of Cowper and Whitwell is simply a matter of detail. In the former the chambers are filled with masses of fire brick, so arranged as to give the largest possible area for the absorption and communication of heat. As this form of stove is somewhat difficult to clean, Whitwell has devised a valuable modification, in which the masses of brickwork are replaced by vertical walls of fire brick, which are so arranged as to render the removal of the deposited dust by scrapers a comparatively easy matter, while the divisions are so placed as to oblige the gases to follow a tortuous course before they leave the stove, affording ample time for heat abstraction and the reverse process, with a minimum of frictional resistance.

The fire brick stove is superior to the cast iron stove, not only in its power of imparting temperatures far beyond the utmost limits that can be reached by the latter, but also in its freedom from leakage at the joints, its less obstruction by friction to the passage of the blast, and its power of storing up heat and subsequently giving it up when blast is for any reason wholly or partially intermittent, an occurrence which is often fatal to metal stoves, as the pipes frequently melt when not exposed to the cooling influence of the air current passing through them.

In view of the fact that a blast temperature of nearly 1500° Fahr. is attainable with modern stoves, it becomes a question of the greatest importance to determine whether the use of such a temperature is desirable, whether a still higher one should be aimed at, or if there be any limit to the advantages to be derived from pouring heat into the furnace through the tuyeres, and if so, what that limit is. Siemens, Whitwell and Cochrane support the view that the more heat is introduced with the blast the greater, *a priori*, will be the economy of working, and that the blast might probably be raised with advantage to a temperature even higher than that already attained. Bell, and a considerable following of experienced ironmasters, deny that any advantage is gained by using a blast hotter than can be delivered by a well arranged iron stove, i.e., with a temperature of about 900° Fahr. Bell, indeed, puts it directly that heating beyond 900° Fahr. represents so much waste. It will be admitted that this is an important disagreement on a vital point.

To arrive at any conclusion, it is necessary to consider briefly the theory and functions of the hot blast, pure and simple, as well as the

relative position of the hot blast and what we may term the superheated hot blast, or blast which carries a temperature exceeding 900° Fahr.

The economy of the hot blast has been assigned to many and contradictory causes, of which the chief may be considered to be as follows:

With hot blast a considerable proportion of the heat necessary for the purposes of smelting and reduction is furnished by the consumption of comparatively inexpensive fuel, whether as small refuse, coal, or waste gases. In the blast stove, moreover, a larger proportion of this fuel is oxidized to its maximum extent than could be accomplished in the blast furnace, where we have seen that carbonic oxide is produced in much larger proportion than the higher oxide. Yet, on the other hand, it is to be observed that the loss of heat by radiation is greater in the blast stove than in the furnace. It has been estimated that nearly one-half the heat developed in the stove is lost before the blast arrives at the tuyeres; though this is evidently a preventable waste which might be largely reduced by careful packing of the blast mains and other precautions, such as have been successfully adopted in Germany. Again, by heating the air of the blast in a vessel exterior to the furnace itself, the furnace hearth is relieved of the cooling effect which would otherwise be exercised by the expansion of the blast on its entry into the furnace. This circumstance is directly of importance in increasing the yield of the furnace by accelerating the smelting process, and thus tending to preserve a balance between reduction and fusion. If this equilibrium between the two chief functions of the furnace be disturbed, waste of fuel is inevitable, as, when the contents of the furnace are not melted as rapidly as they are reduced, the shaft is occupied by materials on which the gases can exert no further action, and they are in consequence discharged with their reducing power unutilized.

A still more active element in the economy of hot blast arises from the fact that the heat it introduces is unaccompanied by any increase in the volume of the column of gas which rises through the furnace. Blast heat is, as it were, unadulterated caloric. This has a threefold value. In concentrates the heat effects in a small volume of gas, instead of dissipating them over a much larger area. We have, therefore, a high temperature at the hearth. The difference in intensity when an unit of heat is expended on raising the temperature of a large and small volume of combustion products is well known. The smaller volume of gas which, with the hot blast, accompanies the development of the necessary number of heat units, also ascends through the furnace with a much less velocity than the larger volume which would result were the blast heat replaced by the combustion of carbon at the hearth, and a corresponding increase of gas. The greater the amount of heat obtained from the blast, the smaller will be the volume and velocity of the furnace gases, and, consequently, the greater opportunity will these gases have, by their longer contact with the charge, to become oxidized to the maximum extent, and also to part with as much as possible of their sensible heat. Thus it is found that the hotter the blast the colder will the gases be. Bell appears to have been the first to thoroughly appreciate the effect of a diminished volume of gas on the economy of the furnace. So Akerman observes that the heat introduced by the blast, being unaccompanied by concurrently formed gases, is entirely available in the furnace, as no part is necessarily withdrawn in waste gas at the tunnel head unused, as in the case when heat is generated by combustion in the furnace.

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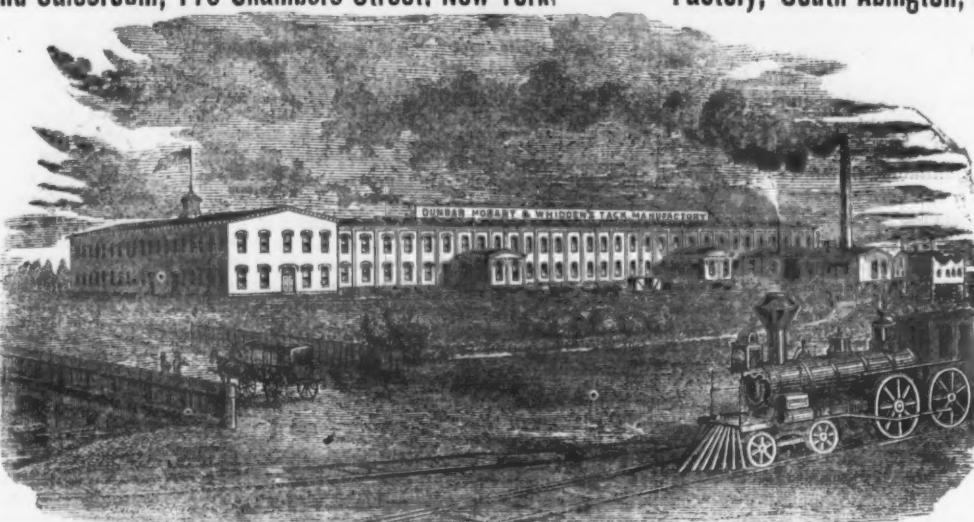
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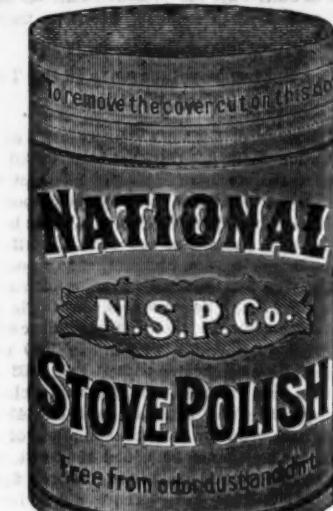
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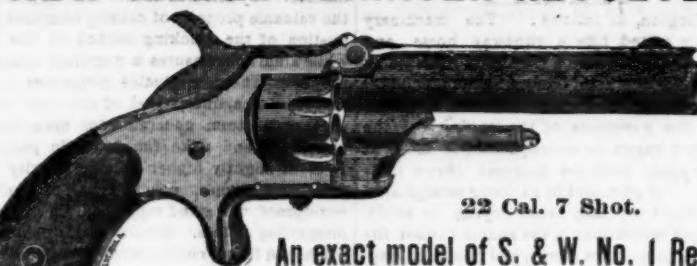
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That we will take the number of shares of stock in the said —— Iron Works set opposite our names respectively.

We hereby agree to pay for the said shares of stock subscribed for by us respectively, as follows, viz.: Twenty-five per cent thereof on the day after the organization of said company, by the filing of the Certificate of Incorporation as provided for by law, and the remaining seventy-five per cent thereof as the same may be called for by the Board of Trustees of said company, in sums not exceeding twenty-five per cent upon each call.

Dated, ——, 187

Names of Subscribers	Residence.	No. of Shares

## CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION.

## Charter.

The undersigned have this day formed a corporation, under and in conformity with a statute of the State of New York, entitled an Act to Authorize the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical Purposes, passed February 17th, 1848, and the Acts amendatory thereof; and in compliance with the requisitions of the aforesaid Acts, we do hereby certify as follows:

First.—The corporate name of the said company is the "—— Iron Works."

Second.—The object for which said company is formed is the manufacture and sale of iron work for building purposes, and to do a general iron founding and machinery business, and the manufacturing of articles incidental thereto.

Third.—The amount of capital stock of said company is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Fourth.—The number of shares of which said stock shall consist is fifteen hundred, of one hundred dollars each.

Fifth.—The number of trustees shall be six; and the names of the trustees who shall manage the concerns of the company for the first year are ——, ——, ——, ——, ——, ——, all residing in ——.

Sixth.—The town and county in which the operations of said company are to be carried on is ——.

Seventh.—The term of existence of said company is to be fifty years.

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(Signed.)

x L. S.  
x " "  
x " "  
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x " "

State of New York, ——, ss:  
On this —— day of ——, 187, before me came ——, to me personally known to be the individuals described in, and who executed, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation; and he severally acknowledged, each for himself, that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

(Signed.) Notary Public.

Endorsed: Filed ——, 187.

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Office of the Secretary of State.

This is to certify that the Certificate of Incorporation of the "—— Iron Works," with acknowledgement thereto annexed, was received and filed in this office on the —— day of ——, 187.

Witness my hand and seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the city of Albany, this —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and seventy ——.

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Witness my hand and seal of office of County Clerk, at ——, this —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and seventy ——.

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FIRST MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the "—— Iron Works," held at the office of the company, on the —— day of ——, 187, at 12 m. present —— Mr. —— was appointed Chairman and —— Secretary.

The Certificate of Organization was read and approved.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, it was resolved to proceed to the election of officers.

The chairman appointed —— and —— as tellers, who received the ballots and reported that there were six votes cast for —— as President; the same number for —— as Vice President; the same number for —— as Treasurer; the same number for —— as Secretary; and the same number for —— as Manager; all of whom were therupon declared to be unanimously elected to fill the designated offices for one year, and until others should be elected in their steads.

Here, Mr. —— assumed the Presidency; and —— the Secretarieship.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, it was resolved that the Chair appoint three Trustees to draft By-Laws, whereupon he appointed Meers, —— and ——, who presented the following, which were read and unanimously adopted:

[See By-Laws, printed below.]

On motion of ——, duly seconded, it was resolved that the subscriptions to the capital stock be called in, payable to the Treasurer, in four installments of 25 per cent. each; the first on —— inst.; the second on the —— th day

of —— next; the third on the —— th day of next; and the fourth on the —— th day of —— next. If any party desired to pay their subscription in full, the Treasurer was authorized to allow interest at and after the rate of 7 per cent. per annum for all sums paid in advance.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, the —— Bank was selected as the depository of the funds of the Company.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, the salary of the Manager was made \$ —— per annum, payable monthly.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, the following Trustees were appointed an executive committee, viz.: —— and ——.

On motion of ——, duly seconded, it was resolved that this Company now proceed vigorously in perfecting the arrangements for business; and also proceed with such expenditures for buildings, tools, materials, etc., as in the opinion of the Trustees may be warranted in view of the funds to be received and the prospective state of the trade.

It was also resolved that 250 copies of the proceedings of this meeting be printed, together with the By-Laws, Charter, etc., in pamphlet form; and the Secretary directed to furnish each subscriber of stock with one copy.

Adjourned to meet on the —— day of —— at — p. m. (Signed) —— Secretary.

## BY-LAWS OF THE —— IRON WORKS.

## Article I.

## MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS.

1. All meetings of Stockholders shall be held at the office of the Company, in the ——, and the annual meeting for the election of Trustees shall be held the first Monday in February, at 12 o'clock noon, and the polls shall be kept open one hour. If for any cause an election of Trustees shall not be had on the day above designated, it may be held on any subsequent day, to be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

2. Notice of all meetings of Stockholders shall be given at least ten days prior to such meeting, by advertising the same in at least one newspaper published in ——, and notices thereof sent to each Stockholder to his residence or address, as it appears on the books of the company.

3. All elections by the Stockholders shall be by ballot; Stockholders may vote in person or by a written proxy, and each Stockholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he represents shares of stock; and the persons receiving the greatest number of votes shall be Trustees for one year, and until their successors shall have been elected.

4. Special meetings of the Stockholders may be called by the president or any two of the Trustees, when deemed necessary, of which five days notice shall be given to each Stockholder in the manner provided by section 2.

## Article II.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of —— members, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the office of the Company, in ——.

3. In case of failure to hold any election, the Trustees shall hold over and continue in office with full authority until a new election is held.

4. No person shall be a trustee who is not the holder or owner of at least ten shares in the capital stock of this company.

5. No Trustee, as such, shall receive any salary or compensation for his services; but this is not to preclude any Trustee from holding any other office in the said Company, or performing any services for said Company, and receiving compensation therefor.

6. Stated meetings shall be held on the first Monday in each month, and special meetings may be held upon the call of the President, or any two Trustees, due notice thereof being given by the Secretary to all the members, either in person or by mail.

7. The order of business of the meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted according to usage.

8. The officers of the Company shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager, and any two of these offices may be combined in one person or two.

9. The Board of Trustees, as soon as may be after their election, shall hold a meeting and elect by ballot or otherwise a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager, who shall hold their offices for the ensuing year, and until their successors shall have been elected and duly qualified to enter upon their respective duties; they shall also appoint an Executive Committee, to consist of two Trustees with the President.

10. The Board of Trustees shall fix the compensation of the officers; they shall declare such dividends from the net earnings or profits of the Company when, and as often as the state of the funds will warrant; they shall, for cause, remove any officer of the Company, but no officer shall be removed until after investigation and a concurrence of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

11. They shall select a bank or depositaries, in which all the moneys of the Company shall be deposited, to the credit of the —— Company, subject to the draft of the Company, signed by the President and Treasurer or the Vice-President and Treasurer, and made payable to the order of the party or parties to whom it is to be paid, when practicable.

12. They shall make a report and render an account to the Stockholders at their annual meeting, showing in detail the situation of the property and financial affairs of the Company.

13. They shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise (in the interval between the Annual meetings of Stockholders), in the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and in

the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and Manager.

14. They shall appoint three Inspectors of Election to receive the ballots from Stockholders for Trustees, prior to their Annual Meeting.

## Article III.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall superintend the finances of the Company, examine and audit the accounts; they shall have power to make temporary loans of surplus funds, and attend to such duties as may be necessary during the recess of the Board of Trustees, or may be designated to it by them; they shall keep minutes of all their proceedings, and report the same to the Board of Trustees.

## Article IV.

## PRESIDENT.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of Stockholders and Trustees (except those convened to remove him or inquire into his official conduct), to sign all documents and contracts authorized by the Board of Trustees, to sign all checks, notes and certificates of stocks, and to perform all such duties usually incidental to such office and required by the provisions of the act of incorporation and these By-Laws.

2. In case of sickness or absence of the Secretary, Treasurer or Manager, he shall appoint some person to perform the duties of either until the Board of Trustees shall be convened.

## Article V.

## VICE PRESIDENT.

1. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to attend to the business of the company (Sundays and holidays excepted); to attend to the estimating and procuring of work, and to the execution of the same; to the employing of labor and the proper mechanical conduction of the iron works; to the purchasing of materials for the business, and shall generally exercise a supervision and control over the affairs of the company, subject to the approval of the President and directions of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the President he shall preside at all meetings of Stockholders and Trustees.

## Article VI.

## SECRETARY.

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be in attendance at the office of the Company during business hours, to give the necessary notice of all meetings of Stockholders and Board of Trustees; he shall record the proceedings of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose; shall keep all proper books of accounts for the business of the Company, with a Stock Ledger, Transfer Book, and such other books or papers as the Trustees may direct; keep the seal of the Company, register and sign (with the President, and countersigned by the Treasurer) all certificates of stock, and generally shall perform such services and duties as usually appertain to his office in a corporate body, and are required by the provisions of the act of incorporation; all the books, papers and correspondence shall be kept in the office of the Company, and considered in his possession and charge, but open at all reasonable times during business hours to the inspection of the Trustees.

## Article VII.

## CERTIFICATES OF STOCK.

1. The Certificates of Stock shall be numbered and registered as they are issued; they shall exhibit the holder's name and number of shares, and shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and have the seal of the Company affixed thereto.

2. Each Certificate of Stock shall express upon its face that the share or shares thereof represented are full paid stock, and not liable to further calls or assessments.

3. The said certificates shall be in the usual form.

4. Transfers of Stock shall be made on the books of the Company in the presence of the President or Secretary, or authorized officer or agent, upon the surrender of the certificate, either by the holder in person or by attorney, and the surrendered certificate shall be canceled and pasted on the margin in the book from whence it was taken when issued.

5. The Transfer Book shall be closed at least three days previous to an election, or the payment of dividends, and the dividend shall be paid to the Stockholders standing on record at the closing of the books.

6. If any person claim a certificate of the Stock of this Company in lieu of one lost or destroyed, he shall make an affidavit of the fact, and state the circumstances of the loss or destruction, and he shall advertise in one or more of the daily newspapers, to be designated by the President, for the space of one week, an account of the loss or destruction, describing the certificate, and calling upon all persons to show cause why a new certificate shall not be issued in lieu of that lost or destroyed; and he shall transmit to the Company his affidavit and the advertisement above mentioned, with proof of its due publication, and shall give to the Company a satisfactory bond of indemnity against any damage that may arise from issuing a new certificate; whereupon the President may issue a new certificate of the same tenor and amount with that said to be lost or destroyed, and specifying that it is in lieu thereof.

## Article VIII.

## TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to attend to all collections, receive and deposit all moneys where directed, and to pay and dispose of the same under the direction of the Board of Trustees; sign all checks, drafts and notes, sign all certificates of stock with the President, keep correct accounts of the same, and give his time and attention to the duties of his office. He shall keep his bank account in the name of the Company, and shall render a statement of his cash account at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. He shall at all times exhibit his books and accounts and

papers to any Trustee upon application at the office during business hours.

## Article IX.

## MANAGER.

It shall be the duty of the Manager to attend daily to the construction in a proper and right manner of all work; to see and know that every part thereof is made of the proper material, in the right manner, and of good workmanship; to make estimates, receive work, employ labor, and superintend the mechanical departments of the company.

## Article X.

## SEAL.

A suitable seal, having the words "—— Iron Works ——," with such other device as the Trustees shall select, shall be provided, which shall be under the charge of the President, and the affixing of the Seal to contracts and instruments, together with the signatures of the President and Treasurer, shall bind the Company.

The affixing of the Seal, however, to contracts for iron work, &c., to be executed, such as are usually drawn up by architects, engineers, etc., shall not be necessary; the signatures of the President and Treasurer will alone be required. In signing contracts for work amounting to under \$30,000 the signature of either the President, Treasurer or Manager shall be sufficient and binding.

## Article XI.

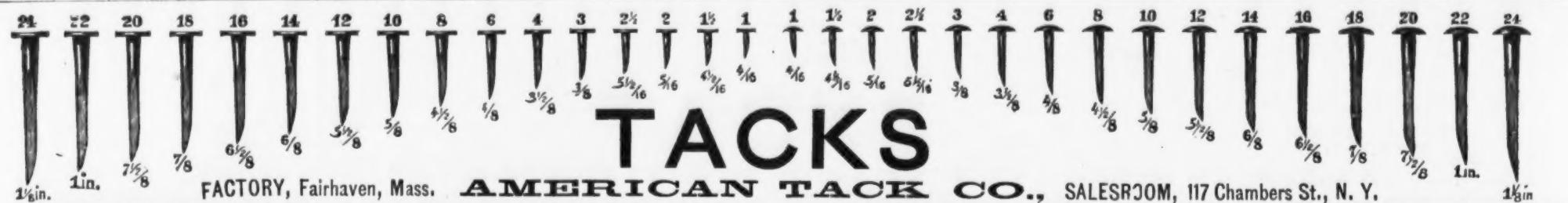
## BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the consent of two-thirds of the whole Board of Trustees; and all proposed amendments or alterations shall be submitted to the Board, in writing, at a previous meeting to that at which the action of the Board shall be had thereon, and previous notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to each Trustee of the Company of the contemplated amendments, and the time when they will be passed upon.

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## OPINION.

I have considered the papers submitted to me relating to the organization of the —— Iron Works, and am of opinion that the certificate of incorporation of said Company is drawn, executed and filed in conformity



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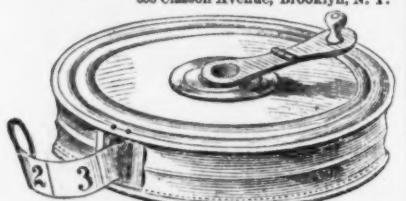


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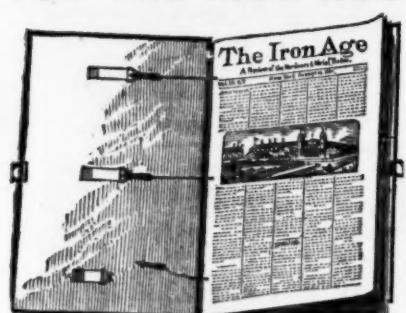
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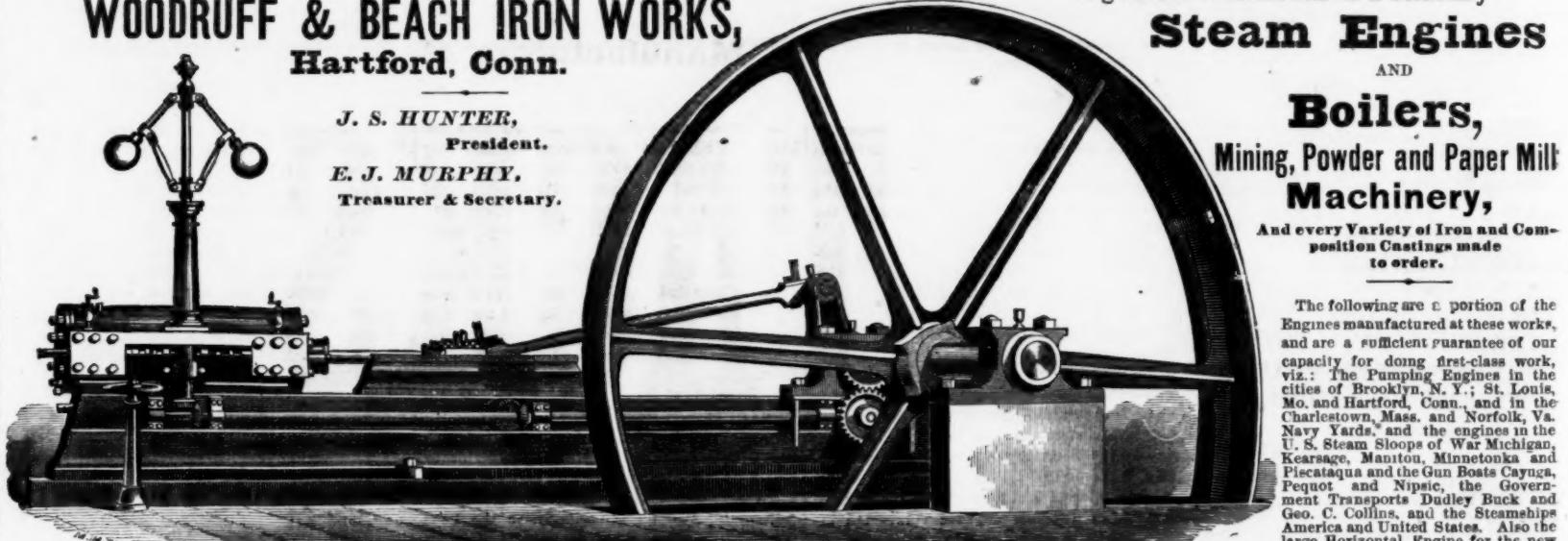
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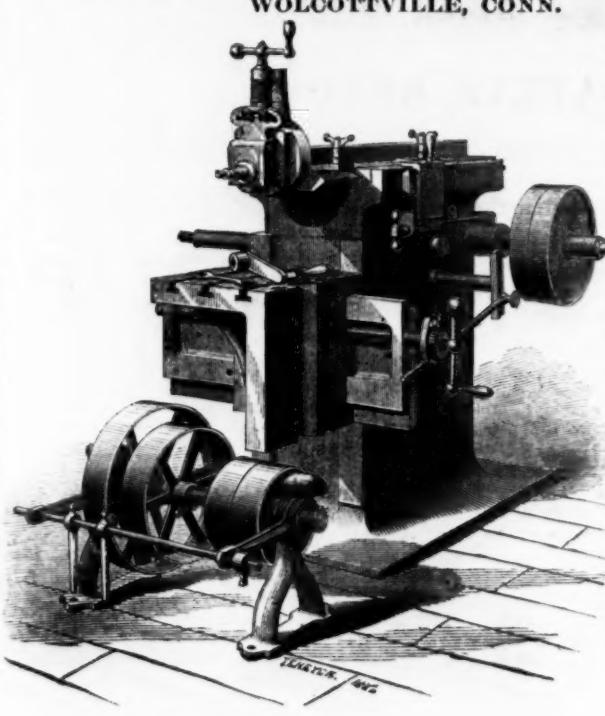
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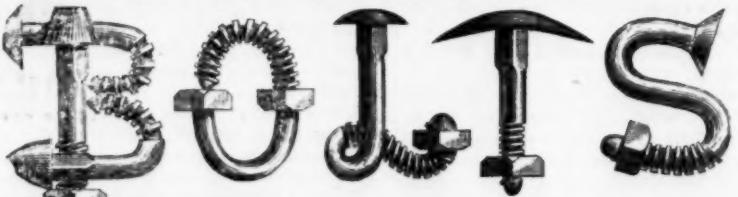
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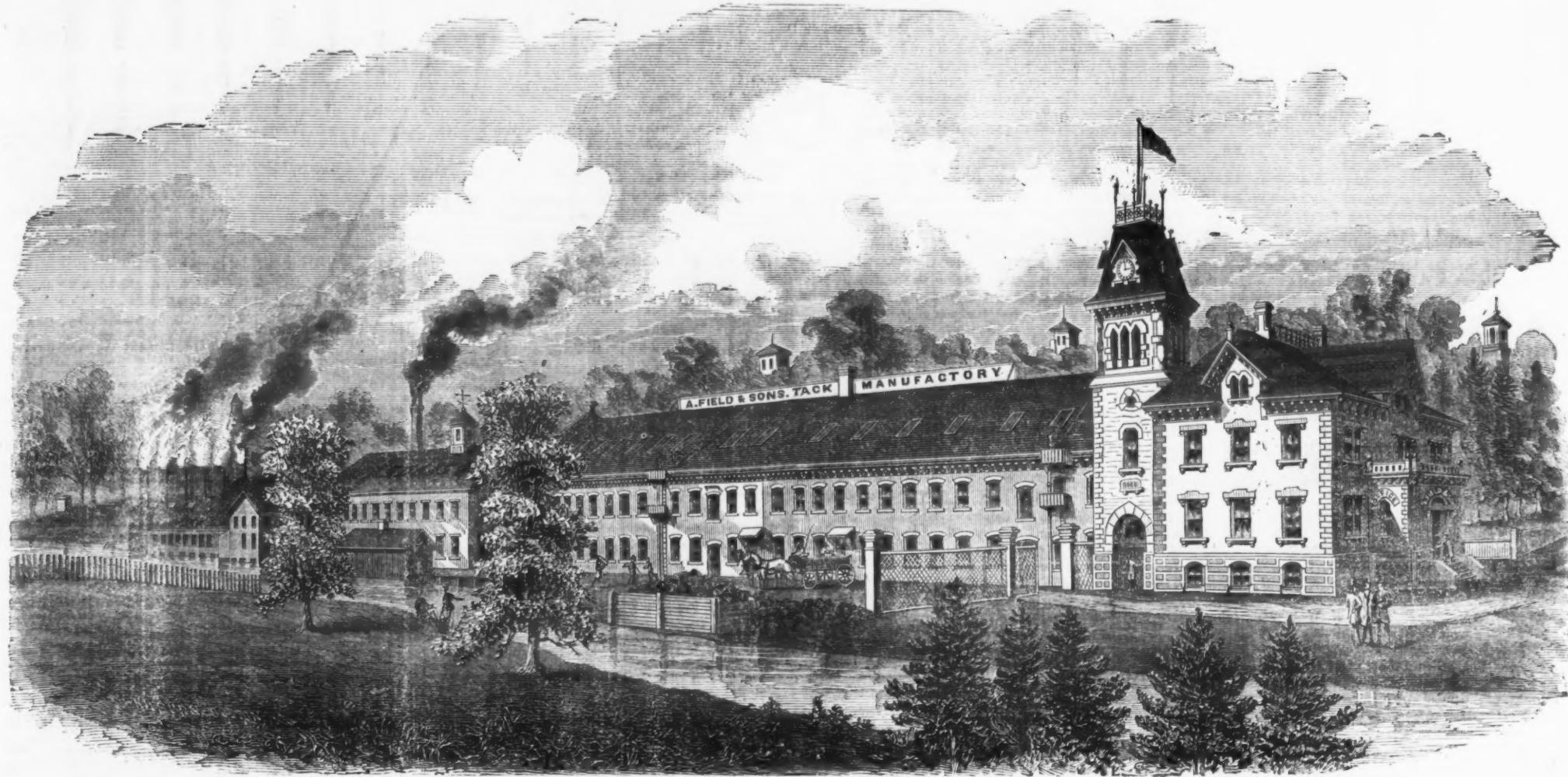
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## BUSINESS ITEMS.

## MAINE.

It is reported that the Katahdin Iron Works furnace will start some time this week, with a stock of 150,000 bushels of coal and 3000 tons of roasted ore. Contracts will be made for 10,000 cords of wood for the company, at prices from ten to fifteen per cent. lower than last year.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A South Newmarket correspondent says that almost any day large pulleys and other castings are made by the Swamscott Machine Company that weigh 5000, 6000 and 7000 pounds.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

James Hunter & Son, North Adams, have shut down work in their foundry and machine shop, keeping but two hands employed at present on repairs.

The works of the new Warner File Company, Holyoke, have been begun. They are to be located on the east side of Bigelow street, and the second site from Appleton street. The main building will be 122x30 feet, with an L 23 x33 feet, the walls to be about 12 feet high. The mill will contain a 4 foot and a 2½ foot turbine wheel, calculated to furnish 1½ mills power, so as to allow of an increase in future, if desirable. Eight file machines have been bought in Hartford, and it is intended to have them in place and running by the middle of next month.

It is reported that the owners of the Francoia Iron and Steel Works, Wareham, are soon to add to their present manufacture a department for the making of gas pipe.

The Griffin Machine Company, of Westfield, are making Burwell & Bates friction clutch of 200 horse-power, for the Farr Alpaca Mill, at Holyoke. The clutch will admit of their running different sections of mill without running the whole. They are also making two smaller clutches for Hayden & Gere's brass works, at Haydenville.

The Whiting Manufacturing Company, North Attleboro, will remove its works to New York, January 1. This company employs 125 hands, who will probably remove with it to New York.

The Commercial Bulletin says that the Richmond Iron Works have started up the furnace at Van Deusenville. It has been idle sixteen months.

The Holyoke Steam Boiler Works will make the boiler for the Anchor tape mill, which is to be of 50 horse-power, and one of the same size for D. H. Hapgood, of Chester.

The bust of the drummer boy with the revolver in his hand, which is to be a figure in one of the Lincoln monument groups, is nearly completed at the Ames Works, Chicopee. The Boston Journal of Commerce says that it looks very well. A portion of the bronze department is being retooled in preparation to receive the plaster cast of Mr. Mosman's Bridgeport figure.

The Fitchburg Machine Company have been very busy for the last three months, working 100 men on orders. They have fitted up a new shop in Springfield, Ohio, and also made several large tools for C. H. Brown & Co. They have just shipped several pieces of machinery to the Howard Watch Company, Old Colony Steamboat Company, and to a prominent railroad in Pennsylvania.

The Pittsfield Tack Company, in their new quarters in the Kellogg steam-power building, are now running 20 machines, and expect soon to get their full complement of 30 at work. Their orders come in so fast that they have not yet been able to accumulate any goods. They can make about 300 kinds and sizes of tacks and small nails, and they will try to keep a stock of most of the kinds on hand to supply orders at once.

## CONNECTICUT.

There are employed in the factories located in Hartford, or owned exclusively by Hartford parties, between 8000 and 10,000 women, boys and girls. The neighboring towns, Meriden, New Britain, Middletown, Waterbury and Southington Hall make very favorable reports as to the outlook for the winter trade.

## NEW YORK.

The wages of the workmen in the Albany and Rensselaer Iron and Steel Company's works, Troy, have been again reduced, a step made necessary by the dullness of the iron trade, caused by the market being overstocked with manufactured material.

In Gloversville the glove trade has steadily increased, until the sales last year footed up some \$5,000,000. There are 211 manufacturers, and the hands actually employed in them amount to nearly 3000 persons; yet this does not include the whole number, for large quantities of work are taken from the manufacturers, and glove making is carried on in almost every house.

## NEW JERSEY.

The Wilson Iron Company manufacture blooms direct from the ore by a patent process in Split Rock township, Morris county. They have four Catalan forge fires, and one puddling or bailing furnace, all operated on the Wilson process. The quality of the iron, so far as tested, is fully equal to charcoal run-out blooms for flanging plates. They expect to erect larger works next spring, and are negotiating for the erection of others in the Southwest.

The Boonton Iron Works are in operation, including the nail mills, and the town is ready to donate land to any one who will use it for manufacturing purposes.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The Bellair Nail Works shipped 2000 kegs of nails to New Orleans on the 22d.

The Pottstown Iron Company's furnace, repaired and put in blast recently, is now working admirably.

Lemont Furnace, near Uniontown, Fayette county, will be completed in two or three weeks. The ore in stock is now being roasted.

It is stated that a stock company has been formed for the purpose of erecting a furnace stack at Royers' Ford, Montgomery county.

The work of erecting the new rolling mill of the Glasgow Iron Company, at Glasgow, in Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county, is progressing favorably. The frame work will be put up in a short time.

The Millerstown Furnace is to be restarted in the course of a few weeks. The establishment is undergoing repairs with that object in view.

The new furnace of the East Penn Iron Company, at Lyons Station, will be put in blast on Monday next. The Kutztown Furnace is ready to go into blast, and is expected to start up in the course of a few weeks. The Topton Furnace will shortly resume operations.

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The Blair Iron and Steel Works, at Glenwood, owned by Foster, Struthers & Co., were sold by the sheriff, on Saturday, at the suit of Thomas S. Blair and wife. Mr. Wetmore was the purchaser.

Some 600 men are now employed in the iron ship yard of Cramp & Sons, on the Delaware.

Jacob's machine shop, in connection with the rolling mill, Brownsville, has opened up with an order for the machinery of a new stern wheel boat for the Monongahela Packet Company.

The iron ship works of the Reading Company, at Port Richmond, are all ready except the dry dock, and comprise a machine shop 497x134 feet; boiler shop, 220x60 feet; flanging shop, 90x30 feet; plate bending shop, 58x68 feet; molding and joinder shop, 310x60 feet, with draughtsman's room, 260x60 feet, and smith shop, 154x54 feet. All these buildings are of brick and iron, and stocked with the latest machinery. There are two wharves, each 100x400 feet, between which is a launching dock 250 feet wide, with ship ways 450 feet long at the end, admitting of building four vessels at once.

The Rock Hill Iron and Coal Company, at Orbisonia, will blow one of their new furnaces in two or three weeks. These furnaces (two) are 17 feet at the bases and 65 feet high. The engines have 90 inch blowing and 65 inch steam cylinders. One of the leading improvements in these furnaces is interchangeable power, gases, &c. This company mine their ores (hematite and fossil) from their mines within half a mile of the furnaces, running cars by gravity direct from the mines to stock house. Limestone is brought from quarries about four miles distant; the fuel is coke made by the Belgian ovens from the company's coal, milled at the terminus of the East Broad Top Railroad, 20 miles from the furnaces. About 450 tons of coal are shipped daily to the Eastern market in addition to what is required for use.

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The Chemical Copper Company, Phenixville, are about enlarging their works by the addition of a large building, in which will be erected a number of muffled furnaces, for reducing ores of a different quality than those now being reduced at their works. A large increase of production is expected.

The Schuylkill Copper Works, of Charles M. Wheatley, are turning out copper in larger quantities than ever before.

One hundred tons of first-class hematite iron ore are taken out daily from Bittenbender's mine, at Siesholtzville, in Herkimer township. The ore is shipped from Red Lion Station, on the Catskill and Fogelville Railroad to the furnaces in the Lehigh Valley. The lessor, Mr. Bittenbender, receives a royalty of fifty cents per ton—a daily income of \$50. Over thirty thousand tons of ore are ready for shipment, while the daily cartage just reaches the amount of excavation. There are a number of other mines in operation in the vicinity of Siesholtzville, which is one of the richest iron ore districts in Pennsylvania. With increased railroad facilities the mines of Longswamp and Herkimer townships can furnish sufficient ore for one hundred furnaces. Over half a million tons of ore are mined annually in Longswamp township, which does not include the Siesholtzville mines, although the latter are near the lines of Longswamp.—*Reading Times*.

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The Lake Shore Mill of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company is running on iron rails for the Lake Shore Road.

At the Jefferson Iron Works, Steubenville, twenty furnaces have been operated double turn since the 1st inst., out of a total of twenty-two.

The Standard Iron Company are running their mill double turn, turning out twelve tons of sheet iron per day. Their sheet iron is made entirely from charcoal blooms, and most of it goes into the market in the shape of galvanized iron.

Bolton, Myers & Co.'s steel mills are running day and night now, and still they find it difficult to fill their orders.—*Canton Democrat*.

The new Etna Furnace, Ironmont, is making 70 tons of silver gray iron every day now. This furnace is 18x90, and has the Ferrie coking apparatus.

The old mill of the Enterprise Iron Works has been idle for the last three weeks. Suspended for new boilers. The new mill is running as usual.

The three blast furnaces of the Briar Hill Iron and Coal Company are shut down. The

Eagle furnace is in blast and making the usual cast of about twenty-five tons daily.

The Youngstown Rolling Mill Company are building a seven-inch mill in addition to their large rolling mill. The new addition is 36x100 feet, the building for which is already erected. Workmen are now digging the foundations for the heating furnace, and will commence the foundation for a steam engine in a few days. They expect to run the mill by the first of January.—*Youngstown Commercial*.

The rumor has been quite general of late that the Cambria Iron Company contemplate building a wire and bolt works in Johnstown, but there appears to be no grounds for the report.

—*Youngstown Commercial*.

The Niles Independent says that the committee appointed to receive subscriptions to the proposed loan to James Ward, for the purpose of putting in operation the works known as the Old Mill, report that they have secured the full amount required, \$10,000. Unless some unlooked-for difficulty intervenes, we may see steps taken to start the works speedily.

A stock company is being formed in Ashland, to purchase the shops of the Ashland Machine Company, and start the works up as early as possible.

An effort is being made to establish a nail and rolling mill at New Philadelphia. Some capitalists from Niles are engaged in it.

ILLINOIS.

In a running time of 17 hours and 40 minutes, the Joliet Steel Mills recently turned out 1214 fifty-two pound steel rails, each 30 feet in length, making a total of 63,128 pounds of rails. The actual working time of the night turn was 8 hours and 55 minutes, and of the day turn 8 hours and 45 minutes. The remainder of the time, 5 hours and 25 minutes, was lost in heating, which was done in seven furnaces, four of them gas, and three coal furnaces, with a 23-inch train of 15-inch pass rolls. This loss of time was occasioned by the fact that the capacity of the furnaces was not sufficient to supply the rolls.

MISSOURI.

Work upon the Bessemer mill at the Vulcan Iron Works, at South St. Louis, is now carried on night and day, and it is the intention of the company to have the works in operation by the last of March. The new Bessemer plant in that industry, now approaching completion, is building from plans furnished by Mr. A. L. Holley.

Joe Wangler & Co., St. Louis, are making the boilers for the Grand Tower Mining Company's new towboat. They are two in number, each 26 feet long by 38 inches in diameter, with double riveted seams and two 12-inch flues.

P. J. Pauly, corner Main and Carr streets, St. Louis, has well under way an eight cell iron jail for Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. Also a new six cell, hardened steel jail for Galesville, Texas, with P. J. Pauly's patent lever locks.

John O'Brien & Bro., of the Missouri Boiler and Sheet Iron Works, St. Louis, are building two cupola shells for the Vulcan Bessemer Steel Works, and are 60 inches each in diameter, with lengths of 35 feet. A handsome boiler, under hand, turns out to be for the new saw mill at Bloomfield, Mo., 30 feet long by 46 inches in diameter, with six 10-inch flues. These gentlemen have also under contract and construction a boiler for the Insurance Exchange, one for Wm. Barr & Co., and another for the St. Louis Galvanizing Works. All three boilers are vertical tubulars.

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# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 1, 1875.

During the past week the financial markets have been agitated by rumors of impending war with Spain, which, like most stock jobbing canards, seem to have had very little foundation in fact. It served the purposes of the bulls in the gold market, however, advancing the premium 1½ per cent. From present information it is safe to assume that there has been no recent interruption of the amicable relations existing between this country and Spain. The recent naval preparations seem to have had no excuse, for Spain is carrying out, in apparent good faith, the provisions of the Virginian protocol, and there is no probability that the President will recommend, or Congress favor, the recognition of the republican movement in Cuba. For the present, therefore, we may possess our souls in peace, without fear of foreign complications.

The only really important event of the week has been the decision against the government by the Supreme Court of the case of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The decision affirms the judgment of the Court of Claims, that the Union Pacific Railroad Company are not bound to pay interest on the bonds issued by the government until the principal shall become due—thirty years from the date. This decision will shock the public sense, however closely it may tally with the letter of the law. That bonds bearing interest should run for thirty years without the interest becoming due upon them is an unheard of thing, and not in accordance with the intent of Congress; and if this be the law, it is evident that the lobby having the measure in charge was most successful in taking advantage of Congress by a wording of the bill which obligates the government beyond what it agreed to assume. By the time the bonds are due it will probably be found that the Treasury has no claim upon the company for reimbursement. These are unexpected developments which, in connection with the burning shame of the Credit Mobilier bribery, should be borne in mind during the coming session of Congress, when aid will be asked for another road to the Pacific.

During the week the money market has become somewhat firmer—the rate on call loans having advanced from 2 @ 3 per cent. to 4 @ 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper is quoted at 4½ @ 8 per cent., with 6 @ 7 as the ruling rate.

During the past week cash gold has been in better supply than for some time past, and borrowers have found no difficulty in getting all they wanted, while holders have had to pay for currency advanced on it. Washington advises state that the Treasury will not sell any coin during December, as the market is now well supplied, and large interest payments must be made during the month. It is further rumored that the Treasury sales will not be resumed, "unless something extraordinary happens." It is scarcely probable that this rumor is founded on fact. The Secretary of the Treasury must, of course, accumulate coin, in pursuance of the plan of specie resumption, which it is understood he is determined to carry out, so long as the law stands in its present form, but if he should begin this by stopping all sales, and locking up in the Treasury all the coin receipts not needed to pay interest, we should have a serious and protracted disturbance in the gold market. The coin receipts of the government, on account of customs, amount to about \$160,000,000 in customs duties. Of this amount \$95,000,000 are disbursed in interest payments, and the sinking fund, which the Secretary proposes, would probably absorb \$30,000,000 more, leaving \$35,000,000 to be sold or hoarded. If the latter, the government will not only accumulate a great deal more coin than is needed for purposes of resumption, but the market will be drained of gold, and merchants and others having use for coin would be at the mercy of speculators. If Mr. Bristow proposes any such plan as this he will probably modify his views when experience shall show him the mischief which must certainly result from carrying them out. The following table shows the daily range of the premium during the past week:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.	114%	114%
Friday.	114%	114%
Saturday.	114%	114%
Monday.	115%	115%
Tuesday.	115%	115%
Wednesday.	115%	115%

Government bonds have remained steady and strong. Railway mortgages, especially those of the Central and Union Pacific, were strong and in good demand. We give below the closing quotations of governments.

The stock market became active and strong during the week, with principal dealings in Lake Shore, Union Pacific, Pacific Mail, Western Union, Michigan Central, St. Paul and Northwest. We give below the quotations of active shares at the close of business to-day.

The following tables show the week's movements in foreign trade:

IMPORTS.	1875.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.	\$3,869,061	\$6,198,752	\$2,968,749
Prev. reported.	855,476,921	853,430,040	294,013,357
Since Jan. 1.	.....	.....	.....

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value
Anvils.	11	267
Bronzes.	6	1,305
Chains and anchors.	97	3,280
Cutlery.	38	15,349
Guns.	20	4,861
Hardware.	10	1,751
Iron, sheet, tons.	579	103,745
Iron, other, tons.	350	911
Metal goods.	33	2,418
Needles.	61	9,283
Old metal.	30	6,288
Platinum.	2	7,226

Per. caps.	15	3,147
Steel.	602	5,667
Silverware.	1	407
Tin, boxes.	6,067	44,578
Tin, 420 slabs.	23,125	4,312
Wire.	488	5,508
Zinc.	108,550	6,920

## EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

Total for the week.	£107,110
Previously reported.	11,344,124

Total since January 1, 1875. £11,451,234

Same time in 1874. 5,619,794

Same time in 1873. 17,328,927

Same time in 1872. 5,461,914

Same time in 1871. 108,550

Same time in 1870. 6,920

The bank statement shows less important changes than for several weeks. The total reserve is down \$397,900, the gain in specie having been that much overcome by the loss in legal tender notes. The surplus reserve of the banks is now \$9,349,300, which is \$317,050 less than last week. The following shows the bank averages for the past two weeks:

Nov. 20 Nov. 27 Differences.

Loans ..... \$272,697,400 \$271,910,200 Dec. \$787,200

Specie ..... 350,000 350,000

Bank notes ..... 47,500,300 47,500,300 Dec. 340,400

Deposits ..... 216,131,800 215,808,400 Dec. 323,400

Circulation ..... 18,449,409 18,512,100 Inc. 62,500

Total ..... 1,122,128

U. S. Currency 6's ..... 122

U. S. 6s 1881, reg. 119

U. S. 6s 1881, cou. 123

U. S. 5-20 1864, reg. (Called) 115

U. S. 5-20 1864, cou. (Called) 115

U. S. 5-20 1865, reg. 116

U. S. 5-20 1865, cou. 116

U. S. 5-20 1865, 6cts. 117

U. S. 5-20 1867, reg. 119

U. S. 5-20 1867, cou. 123

U. S. 5-20 1868, reg. 119

U. S. 5-20 1868, cou. 123

U. S. 10-40 reg. 118

U. S. 10-40 cou. 117

U. S. 10-40, reg. 116

U. S. 10-40, cou. 117

Central Pac. Gold Bonds. 106

\* Ex interest.

The closing quotations of stocks were as follows:

Bid. Asked.

Atlantic &amp; Pacific Preferred. 4 122

Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph. 18½ 119

Chicago &amp; North Western. 38½ 123

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific. 105

Col., Chic. &amp; Ind. Cent. 4 123

Cleveland and Pittsburgh. 56 123

Chicago &amp; Alton. 97 123

Consolidation Coal. 105 106

Canton. 36 47

Del. Lack. and Western. 119½ 123½

Delaware &amp; Hudson Canal. 128 123

Adam Express. 102 103

American Express. 60 60

United States Express. 50 50

Wells, Fargo &amp; Co. Express. 82 82

Eric. 15½ 15½

Harlem. 133½ 133½

Hannibal &amp; St. Joseph. 21½ 21½

Pref. 27½ 27½

Illinois Central. 94 94

Kansas Pacific. 15½ 15½

Kan. &amp; Tex. 17½ 17½

Lack. &amp; Shad. 50½ 50½

Mich. Central. 58½ 58½

Morris &amp; Essex. 103½ 103½

Milwaukee &amp; St. Paul. 35½ 35½

Pref. 65½ 65½

Mariposa. 7½ 8

Pref. 7½ 7½

N. Y. H. &amp; Hartford. 146 —

New York Central. 104½ 105

New Jersey Southern. 104½ 104½

Ohio &amp; Mississippi. 17½ 17½

Pacific Mail. 41½ 41½

Panama. 120½ 127½

Pittsburgh &amp; Fort Wayne. 98 98

Pacific of Missouri. 12½ 12½

Quaker City. 17 17

Pref. 22½ 22½

St. Louis, Kan. City, N. Y. 23½ 27

Tol., Wabash &amp; Western. 5½ 5½

Union Pacific. 80 80

Western Union Telegraph (ex'd). 74½ 75

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

Trade, considering the lateness of the season, is as brisk as can be reasonably expected, and in seasonable goods, such as Skates, Sleigh Bells, Snow Shovels, &c., considerable activity prevails. The changes in values which have occurred since our last will be found below.

There is no improvement to notice in the demand for Foreign Hardware, and prices, with few exceptions, are firm and unchanged.

We hear of an improved demand for Nails, which is accounted for partly by the very low figures prevailing and the sudden change in the weather, which promises an earlier closing of navigation than had been expected. We continue our quotation of \$3 @ \$10 net, per kg, for 10d. There are some brands of Nails in this market which can be bought at a trifle under these figures.

The expected reduction in the price of Wood Screws has been announced to day, as will be seen by the following circulars :

## CIRCULAR NO. 4.

PROVIDENCE, December 1st, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: Until further advised our discount and terms will be as follows:

## WOOD SCREWS.

Flat Head Iron. .... discount from list, 40%

Flat

ahead for the past two months, keeping our market bare here. For ordinary Lead orders have been adequate to the amount produced." The latest quotation at that center for Soft Lead is 7c., currency, firm. Manufacturers of Lead have not been changed in price, except Pipe, which from 8½c. is raised to 9c.

**Selter.**—There is a rumor to-day that there is trouble in the combination camp on account of an alleged non-compliance with the existing agreement, by one or more of the parties to it; the opinion is therefore expressed that the whole compact will prove abortive. The fact of it is that these combinations may serve a purpose when there is a tolerably steady demand for an article, but when trade in it is sluggish, there are always some financially weak parties apt to break through the rules from sheer necessity. We quote Domestic nominally 7½c. @ 740c., currency, with little or nothing transpiring in it. Foreign has, for the moment, relapsed into quietude at 7½c. @ 740c., gold. If Europe showed any weakness, limits would have been reduced by cable, but this not having been the case, it shows that there is no wavering there. Sheet Zinc is apathetic at 9c., gold.

**Antimóny.**—According to telegraphic accounts from London, a combination advance from £50 to £62 seems to be impending. We are quiet, but firm, here at 14c. @ 14½c., gold.

#### IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metal into the Port of New York, for the week ending Nov. 30, 1875:

##### Hardware.

Boker Hamm & Co.	Cables, cks, 50	Hagan John.	Cases, 15
Chains, cks, 50	Wire, cks, 6	Jacobs, Stroose & Co.	Sheet, cks, 11
Per. caps, cs, 4	Mixed, W. Bailey & Co.	Lang W. Bailey & Co.	Plated 6
Mds., pkgs., 2	Bundles, 11	Naylor & Co.	Bundles, 11
Blame & C.	Frog, 1	Plates, 50	Cast, bars, 20
Wire rope, coils, 2	Cast steel built up	Cast steel frog points,	Cast steel
Cohn & Hecker.	frog, 1	1 Bars, 6011	bundles, 150
Iron ware, pkgs., 6	Cast steel	Prosser Thos. & Sons,	Cases, 7
Field A. & Co.	built up	Tire forgings, 38	Pliers & Co.
Cases	frog, 1	Bundles, 45	Bessemmer, bds., 150
Friedmann & Lauterjung.	Cast steel frog points,	Walscheid C. A.	Cases, 7
Misc. pkgs., 3	1 Bars	Barthram Bros.	Barthram Bros.
Lau & Garlicks.	Bars, 6011	Scrap, bds., 1	Scrap, bds., 1
Mds., pkgs., 1	Wire, cks, 6	Sheets, 15	Metals.
Anvils, 1	Mixed, W. Bailey & Co.	Plated plates, cs, 4	Bartram Bros.
Mller A. & Co.	Cast steel	Tin plates, bxs, 161	Barthram Bros.
Iron ladles, cks, 3	Cast steel	Cort N. L. & Co.	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Schoeniger & Daly.	Cast steel	Montell J. H.	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Misc. pkgs., 9	Cast steel	Scrap copper, bds., 1	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Sulzbacher & Heyman.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Wire, bds., 696	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Van Wart & McCoy.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Mds., pkgs., 9	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Wiebusch & Higer Mfg.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Co.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Mds., pkgs., 3	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Woodford W. O.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Grindstones, 30	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Order.	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Casks, 8	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Files, pkgs., 3	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Cases, 7	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Grindstones, 300	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161
Casks, 3	Cast steel	Lead	Tin plates, bxs, 161

##### Iron.

Egleston Bros.	Bars, bds., 271	Hagan John.	Cases, 15
Foulkes Joe. & Sons.	Bundles, 14	Jacobs, Stroose & Co.	Sheet, cks, 11
Scrap, cks, 4	Bundles, 14	Lang W. Bailey & Co.	Plated 6
Henry & Parker.	Bundles, 14	Naylor & Co.	Bundles, 11
Pig, tons, 100	Bundles, 14	Plates, 50	Bundles, 11
Gope Adam.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Marvel Wm. D.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Ore, tons, 380	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Mitander Tans.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Bars, 123	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Wire, gauge, coils,	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
628	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Naylor & Co.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Bars, 24,447	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Bundles, 14	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Phelps, Dodge & Co.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Sheets, bds., 257	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Robinson & Sons.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Bridges, 1	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Schmeisser & Bender.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Spiegel, tons, 140	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Wheeler E. S. & Co.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Pig, tons, 100	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Order.	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Bars, 4786	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Russian bars, 20	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11
Fir, tons, 500	Bundles, 14	Bundles, 11	Bundles, 11

##### Steel.

Abbott & Howard,

Package, 40

CASES, 3

COAL.

The demand for Coal is diminishing as the season progresses. The suspension of Coal navigation, which must soon take place, and the approaching cold weather, will reduce the output at the mines and lighten the pressure now made on the market. A very active retail trade during the winter months may be reasonably expected, as less than the usual amount has been stored in yards by consumers, in consequence of the depression in business and the scarcity of money. The demand for Cumberland Coal is fair for this season of the year. It is quoted at Georgetown at \$8.90 @ \$4.

The following are the circular prices fixed by the Coal companies, which are represented by Frederick A. Potts, 110 Broadway, for delivery during the month of December:

SHIPPED FROM PORT JOHNSON, ELIZABETHPORT, HOBOKEN, RONDOUT, TRENTON AND PERTH AMBOY.

	Lump.	Steamer.	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.	Chestnut.	Oil.	Chestnut Oil.
L. & W. C. Co's.	\$ 5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
L. & W. C. Co's.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
Old Co. Lehigh.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
L. & W. C. Co's.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
Plymouth Red Ash.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
L. & W. C. Co's.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
High.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
Fulton Lehigh.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
Scranton.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							
Lackawanna.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							

PHILADELPHIA AND READING COAL AND IRON CO.'S

COAL, SHIPPED FROM PORT RICHMOND.

	Lump.	Steamer.	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.	Chestnut.	Oil.	Chestnut Oil.
Hard White Ash Coa.	\$ 4 55 4 65 4 75 5 15 5 60 4 45							
Free Burning White Ash Coal.	4 55 4 65 4 75 5 15 5 60 4 45							
Schuylkill Red Ash.	5 0 5 15 5 25 5 65 6 10 1 95 4 00							

We quote as follows: Anthracite, \$4.95 @

\$6.10; Cumberland, \$6.25 @ \$6.75; West Virginia, \$6.50; James River Steam, \$6.25; James River Carbonite, \$9 @ \$9.50; Kanawha House, \$11.50; American Gas, \$9.75 @ \$7.25; American Canal, \$12 @ \$14; Pennsylvania and Westmoreland, \$6.75; Newburgh Orrel, \$6.50; Sterling Ohio, \$10; Ince Hall, \$17 @ \$18; Liverpool House Canal, \$17; Liverpool Gas, \$12; Newcastle Gas, \$7; Scotch, \$7.60.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending Nov. 27, 1875, amounted to 5766 tons, as against 7156 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 1390 tons. Over the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 40,700 tons, against 30,936 tons shipped in 1874, an increase of 9784 tons. The aggregate amount of Cumberland Coal shipped by the various companies so far this year amounts to 2,154,227 tons.

#### OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Business in Old Metals and Paper Stock is very quiet, and prices remain about the same as last quoted. There is little demand from consumers for any description of stocks, with the exception of Rope, which is in good request and scarce in the market. The purchasing prices offered by dealers are as follows:

**Old Metals.**—Copper, 16c. @ 17c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c.; Brass, 10c. @ 12c.; Composition, heavy, 13c. @ 14c.; Lead, solid, 5½c.; Tea Lead, 5c.; Tin, 4½c. @ 4½c.; Pewter, No. 1, 1½c.; do., No. 2 Sc. @ 12c.; Speier, 5c. @ 5½c.; Wrought Iron, 1c.; Sheet, do., ¾c.; Cast, 1c.; Machinery, do., ¾c.

**Rope.**—Canvas, Linen, 4½c. @ 5c. per lb.; do., 5c. @ 6½c.; Colored, 6c. @ 7c.; Soft, do., 7c. @ 8c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 3c.; Soft, do., 5c. @ 6½c.; Gunny Bagging, 1½c.; Jet Butts, 1½c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 5c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1½c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum, Junk, No. 1, 4½c. @ 5c.; do., 2c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 1½c.; Grass Rope, 2½c. @ 3c.

**PAPER STOCK.**—Car Wheel from Hanging Rock Ores, \$30.00 @ 26.00

" " hot " " " " 28.00 @ 24.00

" 1 Mill, " " " " 26.00 @ 22.00

" 1 F'dry, from Alabama, Georgia

" Tennessee Ores, " " " " 23.00 @ 24.00

" 2 F'dry, from Alabama, Georgia

" 1 Mill, from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee Ores, " " " " 21.00 @ 22.00

**HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.**—Hanging Rock Ores, \$25.00 @ 22.00

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aspects in more than one district. In Scotland, to begin in the far North of the iron producing localities, there is only a very moderate amount of work doing at the iron works proper, although there are over one hundred furnaces in blast throughout the Scottish iron districts. The production of these furnaces being almost wholly shipped either foreign or coastwise, very little benefit ensues to the local forges or mills, which are, indeed, now in a state of comparative inactivity. Leaving the land o' cakes and proceeding, figuratively speaking, to the Cleveland and general North of England district, we come across a far more ominous state of affairs. The North of England Ironmasters' Association have just held a meeting, and have arrived at the determination to seek a reduction of 15 per cent. from the present rate of wages paid to all classes of their workmen. By the arrangements entered into through conciliation and arbitration board, which bind both parties, the drop cannot be enforced without a long notice, unless the men consent, which they may possibly do under the circumstances. In addition to Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., Messrs. Hopkins, Gilkes & Co., and other large employers of labor have given notice of the termination of all their men's contracts. At Stockton-on-Tees almost all the leading establishments are either closed or almost wholly suspended in all the principal departments. It is estimated that in the course of another month there will be fully 12,000 men out of work in the district last mentioned in the iron trade alone. The Tyne chemical manufacturers and the shipbuilders have also given their men notices of an average reduction of 10 per cent.—a fact which serves to intensify the previously existing depression. In other parts of the country a great number of men are out of employment. At Sheffield I know of at least one great establishment which is over 2000 men short of its ordinary complement. South Wales is suffering severely, and is hardly likely to recover any of its lost or diverted iron trade before the latter part of the spring of 1876. It will thus be gathered from this brief resume how dull and bad our iron trade is, and what slight chances there are of improvement during the next three months. It is inferred, and I am afraid with but too much reason, that the winter (which already threatens to be exceedingly severe) will be one fraught with dire results to the unemployed operatives, unless they are succored in an almost unprecedented degree by the wealthy elsewhere. People who see results naturally look about for causes, but among the many who speculate upon

## THE CAUSE OF THE DEPRESSION

there are few who agree in all points. Some aver over production during the past four or five years. Others adhere to the theory of a suddenly restricted foreign demand, coupled with an amazingly powerful Continental competition. Another section attributes the stagnation to the United States, which, by dint of protective duties and energetic internal development, has say they upset the balance of industrial production, and so turned the iron trade upside down. Others seek for the causes of the stagnation nearer home, and fancy they can trace them out with analytical accuracy. The Financier, writing upon the subject, says:

"The adjustment of the coal and iron trades under the great reaction since 1873 proceeds but slowly, and the recent events in the North of England have again called attention to a subject of chronic difficulty. The fundamental cause of depression and discordance in the various branches is the greatly reduced scale of orders, from ships and rails to nearly every kind of manufactured iron. But to this must be added the comparatively high price of the raw materials—iron stone, coal and pig iron—or, to express it perhaps more exactly, the difficulty of producing the raw materials at a lower price with any profit, or less than actual loss. This, again, hinges upon the high rate of wages in nearly all departments, which, though in many cases under considerable reduction, is still above the level of 1870, and much higher than was customary in former periods of equal depression of trade. Nor, in this point of view, is the higher rate of wages the only obstacle to such flexibility of values as would more aptly meet and stimulate the reduced scale of demand. The changes introduced into mining operations by the Mines Regulation Act—the shorter hours, the larger number of men that have to be employed, the smaller output of mineral per man, and the much larger absorption of capital in proportion to the product—have all a decided effect of the same kind as the higher rate of wages. The consequences are much what might have been reasoned out on economic principles. The price of the rawer materials does not so soon fall to a range at which new and extended business would be solicited; and, as a necessary result, a recovery of trade is being all the more delayed."

## BRITISH EXPORTS.

The monthly Board of Trade returns just issued show that even tabularly our exports are beginning to show a very serious diminution. During October the total value of our exports was £18,474,744 as compared with £21,918,528 in October, 1874, or £22,341,239 in the same month of 1873. The total for the ten months ending October 31st was £187,840,338, as against £302,859,436 in 1874, and £216,016,759 in 1873, or decreases of 7 and 13 per cent. respectively. Summarized in brief form our exports during the ten months have been these: Of coal we have shipped 12,059,474 tons, valued at £2,176,362, against 11,709,959 tons, valued at £1,100,354; copper, 614,084 tons, valued at £2,712,837, against 605,421, valued at £2,687,698; hardware and cutlery, 43,559,062, against 43,600,321; iron and steel, 2,098,720 tons, valued at £2,321,104,316, against 2,104,112 tons, valued at £2,377,771; steam engines, £2,245,922, against £2,691,706; other descriptions of machinery, £2,498,981, against £2,551,988. On looking over the appended figures you will not fail to notice the great falling off in the exports of railroad iron to Russia, Holland, Belgium, Spain and the United States; of cutlery to the United States, the Argentine Republic and British India; of machinery to Germany and Italy, and of tin generally.

## RAILROAD IRON OF ALL SORTS.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Russia	188,223	162,174
Sweden and Norway	8,398	6,941
Denmark	7,059	2,327
Holland	17,588	6,779
Belgium	14,574	466
France	3,777	110
Spain and Canaries	20,268	9,599
Italy	11,007	10,000
Turkey	1,180	1,180
Egypt	11,349	6,836
United States	91,686	17,711
Brazil	18,987	10,717
Peru	11,180	12,024
Chili	16,681	14,097
British North America	46,512	84,008
India	29,661	31,260
Australia	23,142	62,147
Other countries	90,044	81,887
Total	705,587	492,513

## Iron-Pig.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Germany	142,875	213,532
Holland	162,920	151,200
Belgium	89,396	89,697
France	58,159	75,435
United States	34,986	42,441
British North America	29,574	37,014
Other countries	127,294	157,586
Total	625,428	806,706

## Bar, Angle, Bolt and Rod.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Russia	20,459	33,322
Germany	6,678	5,948
Holland	4,200	5,691
France	626	635
Italy	14,249	19,438
Turkey	9,256	9,137
United States	3,260	2,956
British North America	27,555	21,700
Australia	17,612	23,077
Other countries	76,005	79,443
Total	210,150	228,124

## Wire of iron or steel, except telegraph wire.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Russia	12,616	10,244
Germany	8,235	8,049
Holland	5,784	5,498
France	1,631	1,498
Spain and Canaries	5,241	4,688
Italy	6,327	6,187
United States	6,739	7,137
British North America	17,701	28,165
Australia	18,625	29,225
Other countries	48,690	53,464
Total	136,237	169,052

## Cast or Wrought Iron, except Ordnance.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Russia	15,650	14,586
Germany	11,380	12,861
Holland	6,846	8,240
France	3,516	4,649
Spain and Canaries	7,804	4,850
Italy	18,583	6,628
United States	2,723	1,368
British North America	6,495	5,898
Australia	21,115	11,798
Other countries	60,075	64,464
Total	222,482	203,241

## Old Iron for Re-manufacture.

To	Tons.	Tons.
United States	7,674	6,776
Other countries	30,973	34,713
Total	38,647	16,770

## Steel, Unwrought.

To	Tons.	Tons.
France	2,187	2,212
United States	10,980	13,831
Other countries	12,844	25,961
Total	25,961	25,935

## Manufactures of steel.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Russia	8,113	9,141
Total of iron and steel	2,104,112	2,098,720

## SHIPMENTS.

To	Tons.	Tons.
Week ending Nov. 13, 1875	10,663	9,648
" Nov. 14, 1874	10,663	9,648
Increase	1,615	1,620
Total Increase for 1875	86,203	86,203

## Germany

To	Tons.	Tons.
France	18,567	15,351
United States	26,768	15,715
Other countries	44,655	12,155
Total	137,396	99,935

## SCOTCH PIG.

The Glasgow warrant market opened in a fairly strong manner, but afterward gave way, and in the course of the first two or three days of the week g. m. b. warrant prices fell as low as 60/. Subsequently a very slight reaction set in, but at the termination of the week's business on Friday night quotations had only been sent up to 60/4 per ton. The shipping trade remained good and active during the whole of the week, the total being 10,531 tons, or 812 tons more than during the same period of 1874. There are now 69,213 tons in Connal & Co.'s stores, and 115 furnaces in blast in Scotland. Freight rates are unchanged.

Writing from Glasgow, on November 12th (night), Messrs. J. Watson & Co. said: "The price of Scotch pig iron warrants receded this week from 61 1/2 to 60/, but afterward improved to 60/6, closing to day buyers, 60/3 ; sellers, 60 4/2.

G. M. B. at Glasgow ..... 62 6 ..... 61 1/2

Gartsherrie, " ..... 73/ ..... 64/17

Summerlee, " ..... 77/6 ..... 65/6

Langloan, " ..... 65/6 ..... 63/6

Carnbole, " ..... 66 6 ..... 63/6

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**Mine Disasters in the Anthracite Districts.**

A communication from Wilkesbarre, Pa., under date of the 28th ult., brings the following intelligence:

The most extensive and serious mining casualty ever known in the Wyoming Valley has just occurred, and seems to be still progressing at the Chauncy and Grand Tunnel Mines between Plymouth and Nanticoke, about two and a half miles south of the former place. About two weeks ago Mr. Roberts, one of the proprietors of the Chauncy Mine, noticed that the roof of the opening was working in a most extraordinary manner, indicating that inside operations were attended with considerable danger to those engaged in digging coal in the different chambers or employed in the various gangways. He watched the phenomenon with the greatest interest, and was finally convinced that the mine was doomed to certain calamity. About 11 o'clock in the morning of the 19th inst., he gave orders for the men to leave the mine as soon as possible, and remove as much of the company's property as could be taken out on the spur of the moment. The miners, to the number of 125, left their work at 12 o'clock, taking with them their implements of their calling, and two hours later the mine caved in.

Had it not been for the caution and foresight of Mr. Roberts, a most fearful loss of life must have occurred, as the whole number of miners would have been entombed by about 40 acres of rock which crushed down and filled up the honey combed opening beneath.

The disaster extended to Grand Tunnel Mine, adjoining the cave, it seeming to drag over the roof in a southerly direction until stopped by a huge wall of rock known to mining engineers as "a fault," which raised up between the Grand Tunnel and the adjacent mine, operated by the Susquehanna Coal Company. In the Grand Tunnel some 60 or 70 acres of rock have been hurled, effectually closing operations for months to come. The whole fall, it will be seen, embraces over 100 acres, and the damage to the mines is estimated at over \$100,000. Several hundred miners have been thrown out of employment just at the time when it is most essentially important for them to be at work. The effects of the cave-in were truly terrific. Huge boulders were thrown out of the mouth of the tunnel by the compressed air as if they had been pebbles, and the shock of the crash was like an earthquake. The hollow chambers re-echoed the dismal sounds, and, taken altogether, the scene was one calculated to intimidate the heart of the hardest miner in the land. The dissolution of the mountain appears to be still going on, and there is no predicting how much more desolation is to ensue in that quarter.

The Chauncy Mine is operated by Messrs. Albright, Son, Roberts & Co., and the grand tunnel is under the control of the Susquehanna Coal Company. One or two evasions in mines have taken place in other parts of the valley during the past two weeks, and from the peculiar coincidences in the matter, the idea is gaining strength that the casualties are the result of a slight earthquake which passed through the valley in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction.

**The Casson-Dormoy Furnace.**

**THE EARL OF DUDLEY'S ROUND OAK OFFICES,**  
BRIMLEY HILL, 6th November, 1875.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*—SIR: My attention has been called to an article headed "Varied Results with Rotary Puddlers," that appeared in your issue of the 16th September last, in which you refer to a puddling furnace worked by machinery at the Northfield Iron Works, Rotherham, erected by M. Dormoy, and to not dissimilar furnaces at the Round Oak Works of the Earl of Dudley, being a double furnace, worked with tool actuated by machinery and giving excellent results.

I take this opportunity of stating that the furnace in question has been patented by me in the United States, and is known in this country as the "Casson-Dormoy" Puddling Furnace. As compared with the old puddling furnaces, previously at work at the Round Oak Works, it is effecting a saving of 50 per cent. in fuel, 75 per cent. in fueling, 1/6 per ton in bricks and castings, doubles the puddler's pay without increasing the rate per ton, and reduces considerably the number of "under-hands" required in the forge. Each furnace yields from 30 to 40 tons of iron per week, so that the number of furnaces required in a forge is reduced by two-thirds. It requires a personal and practical inspection of the furnace to understand thoroughly the scientific principles upon which the furnace is constructed, and which I shall be happy to show any American iron masters visiting Great Britain.

Beside the works mentioned in your article as having adopted this system, the Wigan Forge Rolling Mills Company have decided to construct the whole of their forges on the Casson-Dormoy principle, and I expect they will be in operation in about six months.

Trusting that you will favor me with the insertion of this letter,

I have the honor to be,  
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**Fire at the Crane Iron Works.**

The Cataqua, Pa., *Dispatch*, of the 27th inst., contains the following:

On Monday evening last, about 11:30 o'clock, our people were aroused by the steam whistle on the Crane Iron Works, and the cause was soon apparent. A great noise was heard and volumes of smoke and flame were pouring up from the large blast engine house. The engineer in charge of those monster machines discovered a fire in the second gallery of the

building, and at once assistance was summoned, hoses attached to the dummy engines on the ground floor, and a strong stream directed upon the burning mass, when the hose burst, and before another could be obtained the flames spread. The oil saturated wood soon became ignited, and in an instant the whole building was enveloped. The large engines were still in motion and continued to force blast into the furnaces, but the rarified air soon had its effect, and the pipes burst with great noise, sending heavenward immense clouds of flame, smoke and sparks. Still the engines continued to force the air through the broken pipes, making a thundering noise and rattling all the windows in the town, startling the people greatly. In some houses flower pots were shaken from brackets, and in others the occupants thought they were about to be visited by a California earthquake. The noise continued until the falling in of the roof of the building, when the steam connections were severed and the receiver carried down with the falling mass. The engines then ceased motion, and the fire burned without being fanned. It was thought the building was almost fire-proof, but the two wooden galleries added fuel to the flames. The Phoenix and Southwark engines were soon on hand and at work, but confined their efforts to save the surrounding buildings. The Phoenix took position at the Crane Iron Company's canal and poured two steady and strong streams upon the fire until extinguished. The Southwark burst a flue soon after being placed in service, and was almost useless thereafter. By midnight, the building was a mass of ruins, and the magnificent engines—amongst the largest in the United States—were a blackened mass. These machines were a pride to our place, and no visitor was allowed to depart without having first visited them in motion. The first was erected in 1856 and the second in 1863, and had a capacity of 2000 horsepower each. The building was erected after the machines were set up, and was a large four story structure, surrounded inside with two wooden galleries, upon which visitors could view the machines at different heights. The roof was of the truss construction, and covered with tin, upon which was an observatory and flag staff. At the falling in of the roof, the blast pipes of Nos. 4 and 5 furnaces were severed, and a dilemma arose to continue them in use. Boiler makers were put to work at once, and in a few hours blast was put on No. 5, and by evening the next day No. 4 was supplied. Three smaller blast engines were placed in operation, connections made, and no serious damage resulted. The next morning laborers were at once placed at work clearing away the debris and the rebuilding will be prosecuted to a successful end. By Christmas it is contemplated to have the building completed. The engines are not seriously injured, and can soon be placed in working order. The large receiver will be the heaviest loss, as it is a total wreck. The loss by the fire will be between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

**The Coal Combination.**

The Philadelphia *Ledger* says: A special meeting of the Schuykill Coal Exchange was held in this city on the 8th ult., when it was determined: First, to hold a stated monthly meeting of the Coal Exchange to fix "line" prices, and that all members having any knowledge of any other members violating the rules and by-laws of the association be requested to make public such information, with the names of the parties; second, that an expert be employed, upon the request, in writing, of any member, charging another member with underselling, &c., to examine the books of the member so charged, and to report the facts; third, the books of the selling agents to be subjected to like examination; and, fourth, that the members of the Coal Exchange will discharge any agent who may divide his commission with any purchaser or in any manner sell coal in violation of the by-laws. One of the effects of the large over-supply at almost all the coal centers is to break the combination of the great coal carriers that has governed and regulated the trade for the past three years. A weak point here and there will discover itself among the operators, and an abatement from the agreed upon prices will be accepted, and justification attempted on one pretext or another, which proving unsatisfactory, rival interests will seek to be even by a still greater reduction of prices. At least these are allegations, and, if true, they are but natural. A combination to effect a given object, like an endless chain, is no stronger than the weakest link composing it. The only remedy, therefore, against the threatened rupture of the coal combination is to remove the cause pointing to that result. The present overstock of coal, which is said to be larger than ever before, must be by some practical operation lessened.

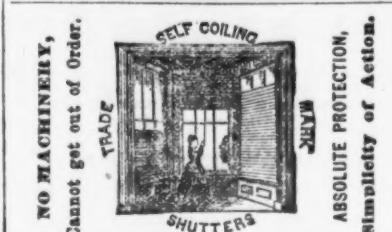
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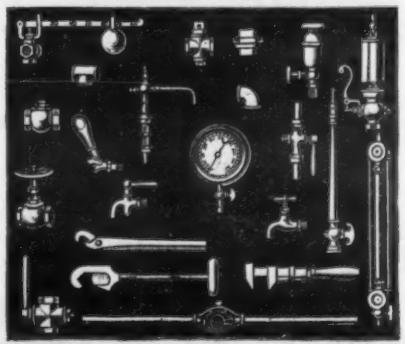
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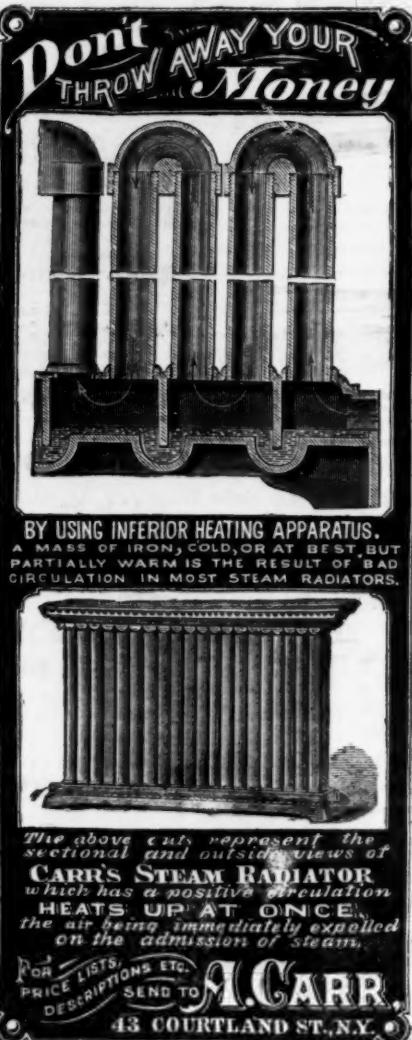
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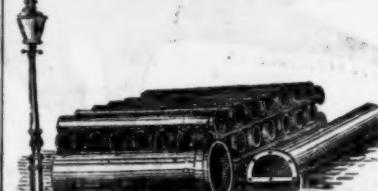
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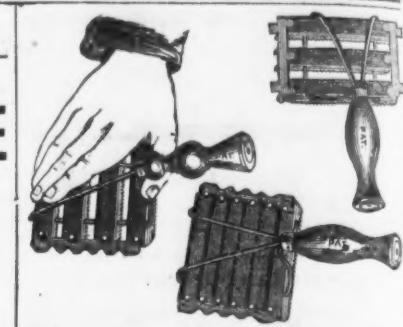
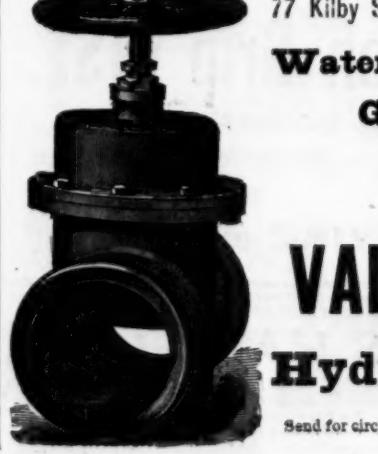
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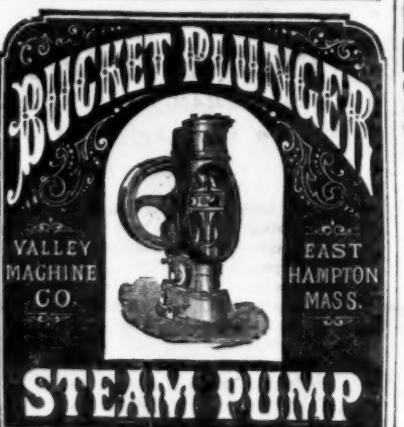
  
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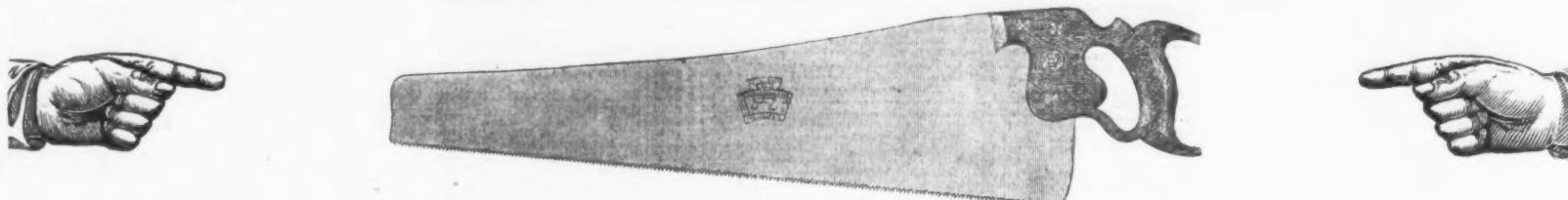
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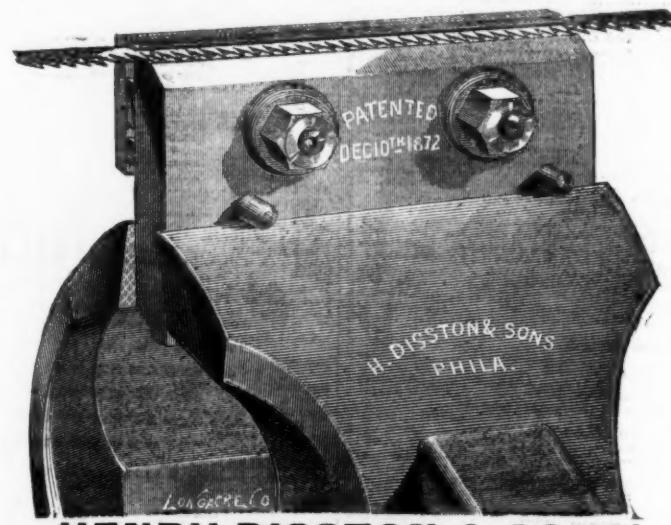
GENTLEMEN: We are prepared to supply the trade with an entirely new Hand Saw, called the "Centennial No. 7." This Saw is ground on the back, to taper gradually from butt to point, being only 26 gauge at the point. By this mode of grinding, the Saw, when tested, makes a complete "whip bend." The handle is apple-wood, oil finish, the screws are flush and polished, and the Saw is superior to any ever offered to the trade in this or any other country at the price. It is the sweetest-cutting, nicest-hanging Saw that can possibly be manufactured, feeling as light as a feather at the point, owing to its peculiar construction. The screws are finished before being put into the handle, and, should they become loose, can be readily tightened with an ordinary screw-driver, and still make a good finish. It was our intention to keep this Saw from the market until Centennial year; but second thought has decided us to give the trade an opportunity to test it before then, that they may know whether they can put it in stock without risk. The price of this Saw at present will be the same as that of the regular No. 7. It is a "hard times" Saw, and we do not know how long the price can be sustained. Mr. Henry Disston is willing to risk his reputation as a Saw-Maker upon "the Centennial No. 7." Send for samples and put them in the hands of the Carpenters—to be returned if not as represented.

November, 1875.

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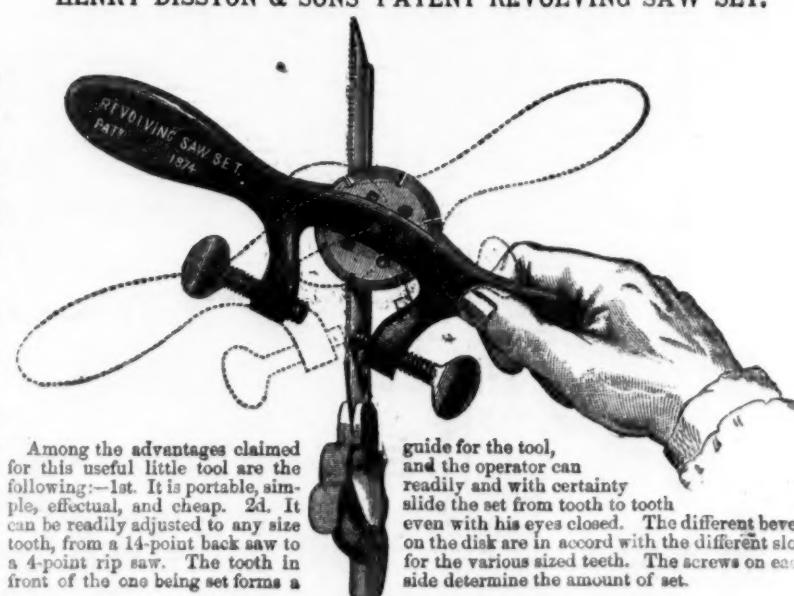


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Armitage's Mouse Mole.	gold 10¢
Wilkinson's.	\$ 10 gold 10¢
Eagle anvils (American).	\$ 10 10¢ lbs 20¢
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Turn Table.	
Lightning.	
Hudson's.	\$ 7.75 \$ 10
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Rival.	\$ 10 doz \$12.00 net
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Augers and Bits.	
Conan Valley Mfg. Co.	
Douglas.	
Ives.	
Beechwood, Bissell & Co.	1st quality dis 40¢ 10¢
Griswold.	
Challenge.	
Nobies Mfg. Co.	dis 40¢ 10¢ 15¢
Diamond Hardware Co.	dis 25¢ 10¢ 10¢
Seal Mfg. Co.	dis 25¢ 15¢
Johnson's Bits.	dis 25¢ 15¢
Lewis' Bits.	dis 20¢ 10¢
Andrews' Bits.	dis 25¢ 15¢
Griswold's Patent Bits.	dis 20¢ 10¢
Expansive Bits, Clark's.	small, \$1.00; large, \$2.00
" " Ives'.	\$2.00 \$ 3.00 dis 30¢
" " Blake's.	\$2.00 dis 40¢
Hollow Augers, Douglass.	
" " French, Swift & Co.	dis 40¢
" " Bonney's Adjust.	\$ 2.00 dis 25¢ 10¢
" " Stearns'.	\$ 2.00 dis 25¢ 10¢
" " Ives' Expansive.	each \$4.50 dis 40¢
" " Universal Expansive.	each \$4.50 dis 10¢
Grimet Bits-Screw.	\$7.50 no screw, \$9.
Double Cut Grimet Bits, Shepardson's.	dis 20¢
" " C. W. Valley Mfg. Co.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" " Douglass'.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" " Ives.	dis 20¢ 10¢
Morse's Bit Stock Drills.	
L'Hommedieu's ship Augers.	
Watrous Ship Augers.	
Vaughan's Post Hole-	
6 in. \$3.00; 7, 8 and 9 in. \$3.50 per doz.	dis 30¢
Awwie, Brad Sets, &c.	
Awwie, Seeling, Conover.	per gross \$1.00 dis 15¢
Brad Sets, Best.	per gross \$1.00 dis 15¢
" " Shouldered Peg.	per gross 2.25 dis 15¢
" " Patent Peg.	per gross 2.25 dis 15¢
" " Shouldered Brad.	per gross 2.25 dis 15¢
Brad Sets, Aiken's.	per doz \$1.40 dis 25¢ 10¢
No. 43, \$10.50; No. 44, \$12.50.	dis 45¢ 10¢
" " Clark's.	dis 40¢ 10¢
" " Stanley's Excelsior.	\$1.00 \$ 2.00 dis 25¢ 10¢
Axes.	
Brooks'.	per doz \$1.00 dis 14¢ 10¢
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Hurd's.	dis 10¢ 15¢ 10¢
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" Extra Heavy.	dis 40¢ 10¢
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" Silver Chime.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" Swiss.	dis 25¢
" Globe (Cone's Patent).	dis 20¢ 10¢
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" " Barron's.	dis 20¢ 10¢
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" " Brock's.	dis 10¢ 15¢
" " Cope's.	dis 10¢ 15¢
" " Connel's.	dis 10¢ 15¢
Lever, Sargent's.	dis 10¢ 15¢
" " Taylor's.	dis 10¢ 15¢
" " Hart, Silvers & Mead Mfg. Co.	dis 10¢ 15¢
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" " Western.	dis 25¢
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" " Western.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" " Sargent's.	dis 30¢ 10¢ 8.10
Kentucky Star.	dis 20¢ 10¢
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Dodge's Gunmetal, Kentucky, New list.	
Nos. 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Hogs.	dis 45¢
" " Yaw's Genuine.	dis 3.5¢
Texas.	dis 33¢ dis 40¢
Bellows.	
Blacksmiths', Common, List of Sept. 15.	dis 15¢
Extra and Pittsburgh Pattern.	list 15¢
Moulders.	
Brand Mowers.	dis 30¢
Blind Adjusters.—Domestic.	\$ 2.00 dis 20¢
Blind Fasteners.	
Mackrell's.	dis 30¢
Van Sandt's, No. 4000, \$14.00; No. 370, \$10.50 net.	dis 30¢
Washburn's Patent.	gross \$14.00 dis 5¢
Merriman's.	new list net
Bind Staples.	
Boardman's Patent, 1/4 in. and larger.	\$ 2.00 dis 27¢
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Blocks.	
Tackie, Hope and Iron Co. Strapped, Providence Tool Co.'s list.	dis 30¢
Burr's.	
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Bolt.	
Cast Iron Barrel, Shutter, &c.	dis 60¢ 10¢ 8.10
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" " Shutter.	dis 60¢ 10¢
Wrought Iron Flush, Stanley's.	dis 10¢ 15¢ 10¢
Carriage and Tire, Common.	dis .05 10¢
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Union Nut Company, old list.	dis 62.5¢
Stove.	dis 25¢
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Bung Hole Borers.	
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" " Jap'd.	dis 20¢ 10¢
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Loose Pin.	dis 4.5¢ 10¢
" Japanned.	dis 5.00 10¢
Loose Pin, Jap'd, Plated Tips.	dis 50¢ 10¢
Fast Joint, Narrow.	Drilled and Winkled.
" Broad.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" Japanned.	dis 20¢ 10¢
Loose Joint, Narrow.	dis 20¢ 10¢
" Japanned.	dis 20¢ 10¢
Fast Joint, Narrow.	New list July 1.
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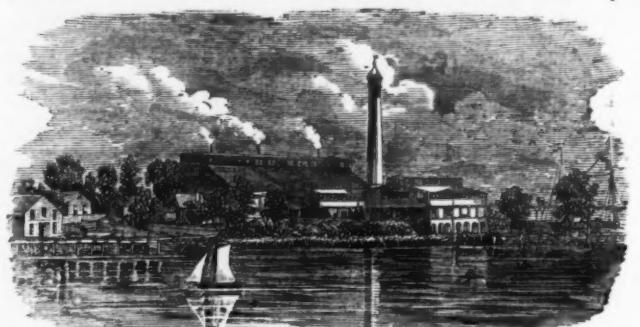
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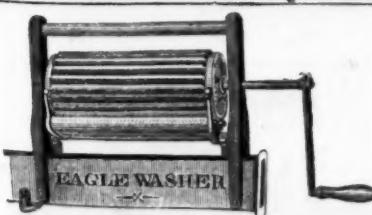
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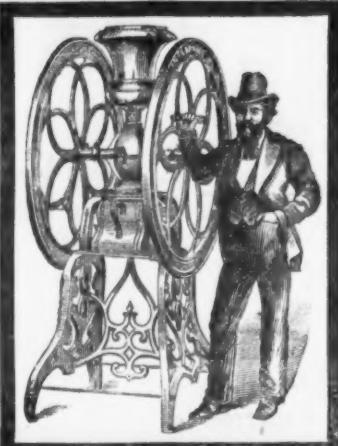
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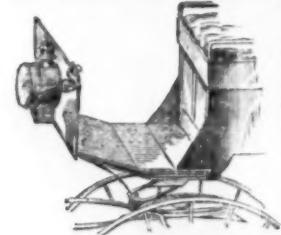


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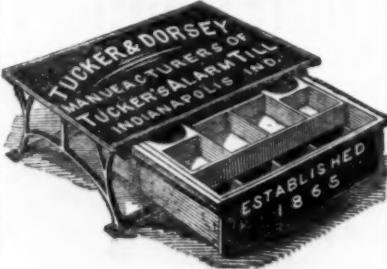
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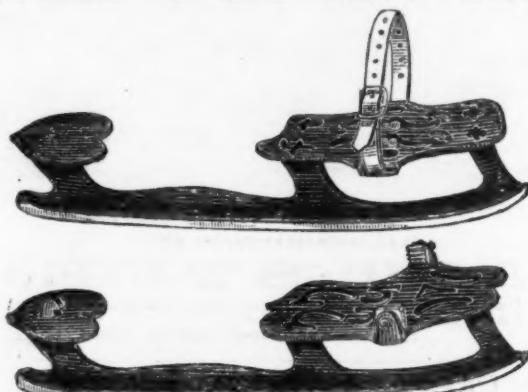
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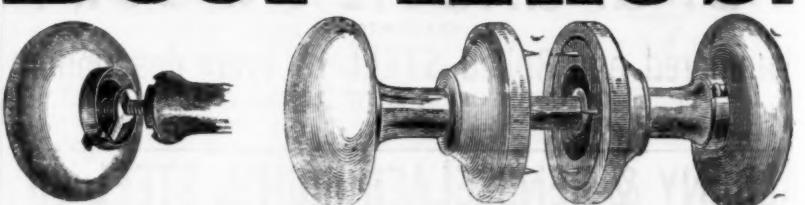
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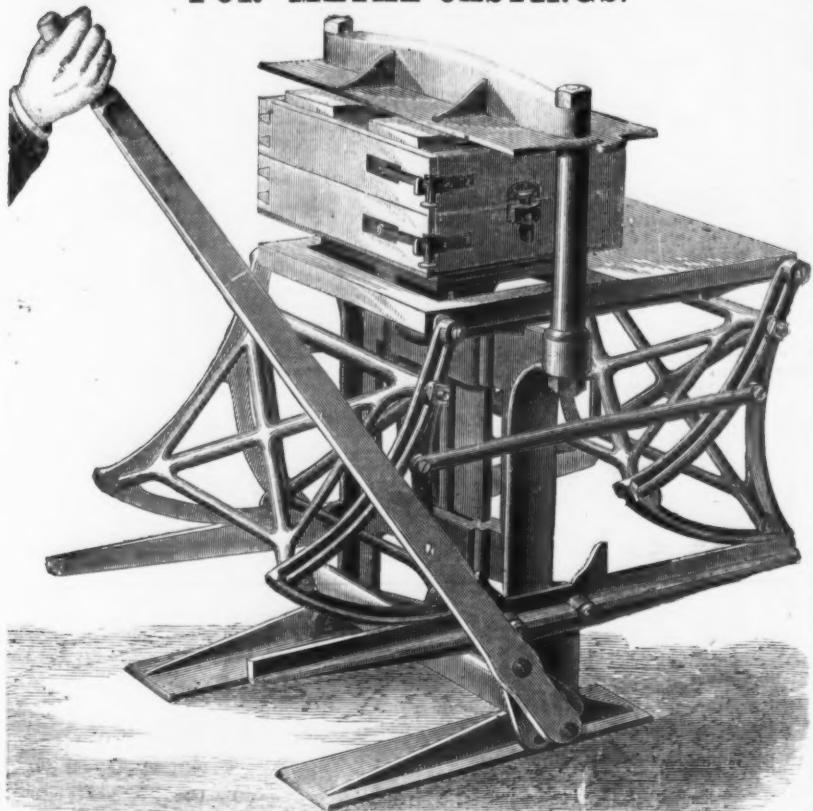
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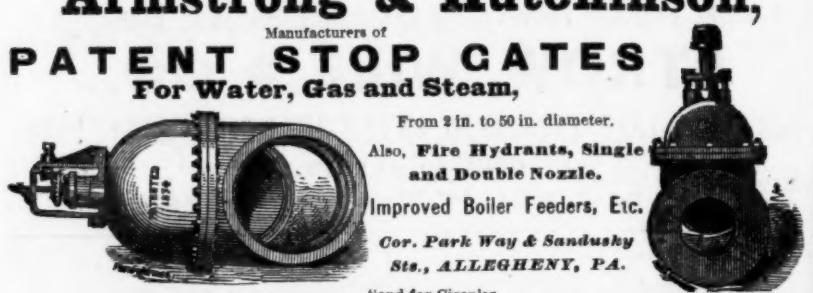
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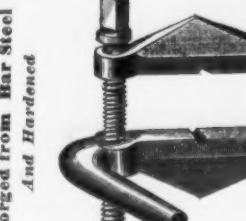
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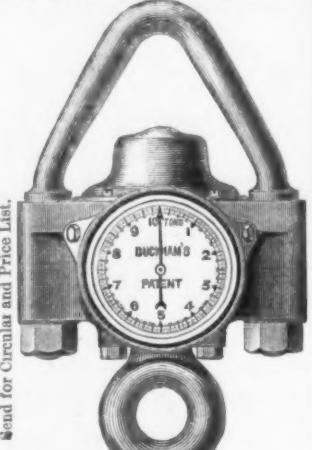
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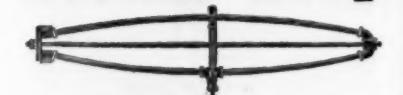
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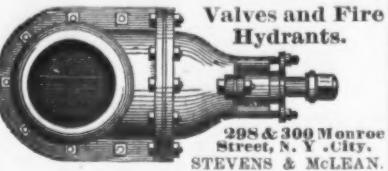
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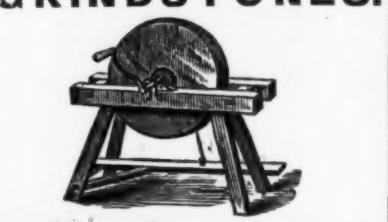
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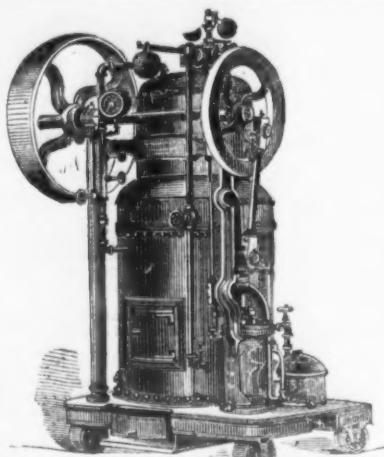
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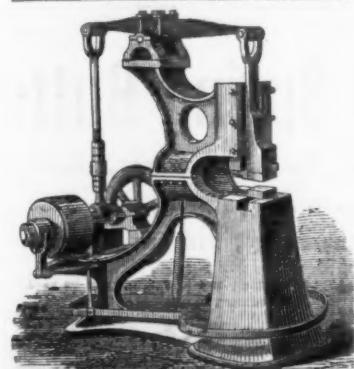
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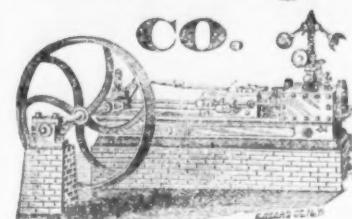
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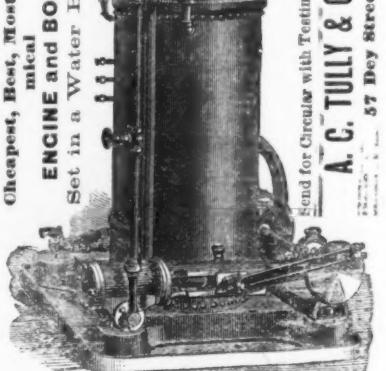
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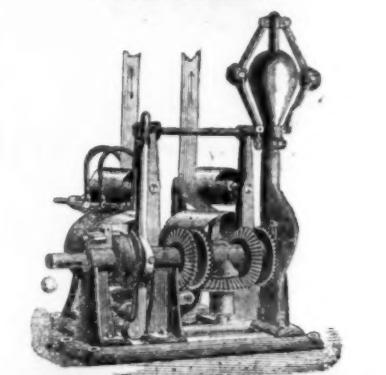
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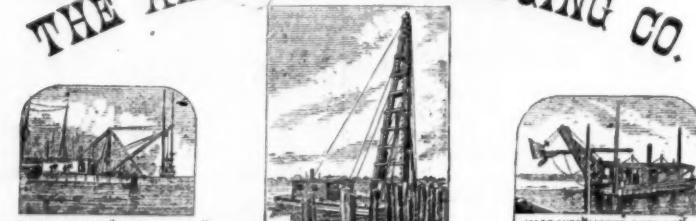
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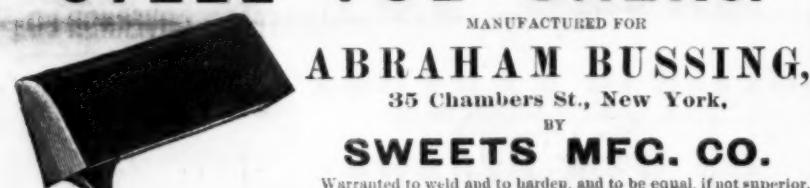
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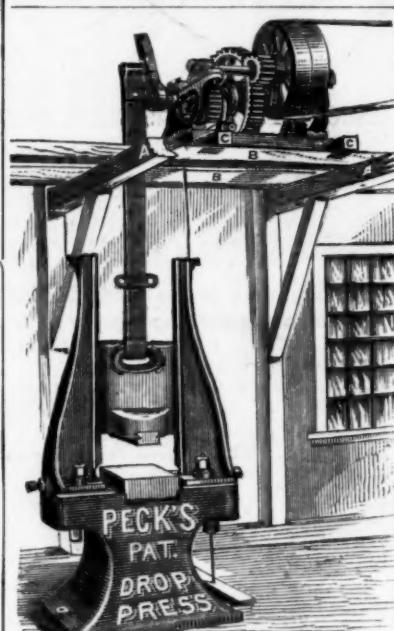
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